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TO THE  
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ANY apology for reprinting the following work may be deemed unnecessary, since its utility is so well known to Mathematicians and Teachers of the Mathematics, as to render any recommendation of it in this place superfluous; suffice it to say, that from its great scarcity, and the difficulty of procuring a copy of it at any price, as well as the numerous enquiries made for it, induced the late Editor of the Gentleman's Mathematical Companion (Wm. Davis) to prepare the following sheets for the press, and in order to render it still more valuable, he has to this fourth Edition added that short but valuable little Essay on the Explanation of the Theory of Fluxions, printed for Wm. Innys, and taken notice of by the late celebrated Mathematician Thomas Simpson, in the Preface to his excellent Treatise on Fluxions.

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THE  
PREFACE.

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OF all the Mathematical Sciences, *The Doctrine of Fluxions* is the most extensive and sublime. By this, many Difficulties, unsurmountable by any other known Method, are solved with uncommon Expedition, Elegance, and Ease.

It is a General Way—for determining the *maxima* and *minima* of Quantities; drawing Tangents to Curves, finding their Points of Inflection and Radii of Curvature:—for obtaining the Lengths of curve Lines, the Areas of curvilineal Spaces, the Surfaces and Solidities of concave and convex Bodies: &c.—In a Word, It extends to the investigating the most abstruse and difficult Problems in the various Branches of mathematical and philosophical Science.

The *Method of Fluxions* was first invented in the Years 1665 and 1666, by that Prince of Mathematicians and Philosophers the late Sir *Isaac Newton*, then Mr. *Newton* about 23 Years old\*. It was

\* He was Born *December 25, 1642*; Knighted in 1705; and Died *March 20, 1726*.

soon after communicated to some of his Friends; but, he gave no *public* Specimens thereof until the appearance of his immortal *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* printed in the Year 1687: The celebrated *German*, therefore, Mr. *Godfr y William Leibnitz*, to whom it was hinted in 1676, applied it in the *Acta Eruditorum*, printed at *Lip-sic* in 1684, to a few Problems *de Maximis et Minimis* and Tangents to Curves, and claimed the Invention him self\* — Their *Notations* indeed are different; and, Quantities being by both, in Effect considered as produced by continual Increase after the same manner as Space is described by a Body in Motion; instead of the *Velocity* with which a Quantity varies or flows at any Point or Term of the Time in which it is supposed to be generated, called by Sir *Isaac* a *Fluxion*, *Leibnitz* takes the *Increment*, or little Part generated in an indefinitely small Portion of Time, and calls it a *Differential*†.

Several excellent Treatises have been published on the Subject; but, as they appear not calculated to introduce the young and unassisted *Beginner* into this abstruse and difficult Science, in order to his understanding them, a plain and easy *Introduction* seems to be necessary; and for that End the following Sheets are chiefly designed.

\* See *Raphson's History of Fluxions*, printed in the Year 1715; or, the *Commercium Epistolicum*, published by Order of the *Royal Society* in 1722; wherein, Sir *Isaac* is fully proved the Original Inventor of this noble and most delightful Method.

† *Leibnitz* denotes the *Differential* of any variable quantity  $x$  by  $dx$ ; and Sir *Isaac*, generally, for it's *Fluxion* writes  $\dot{x}$ ; but in his *Principia* flowing quantities are expressed by the capital letters, A, B, &c. and their *Fluxions* or *Increments* by the corresponding small letters  $a$ ,  $b$ , &c.

This Tract is divided into *three* Parts: the *first* treats of the *Direct* Method of Fluxions; in which from the generated Quantity or *Fluent* being given, we find the *Fluxion*: and the *second* of the *Inverse* Method; wherein, from the *Fluxion* being known, we find the *Fluent*\*: the *third* contains *miscellaneous Questions* with their *incremental* and *fluxional Solutions*; which could not, with propriety, be inserted in the former Parts; and to some of which there were occasion to refer.

In this *Third Edition*† are many *Additions* and *Alterations*. The *Constructions* are, in general, *New*‡. In a Word, It contains, perhaps, a variety of Things not to be found in any other Tract on the Subject.

In order to a thorough understanding of this *Introduction*, it is requisite that the Learner be well acquainted with Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Plane-Trigonometry, Conic-Sections, and the Nature of Logarithms. But, as geometrical and algebraical Treatises, in general, give not the Descriptions, and from thence the deduction of the Properties, of some Curves to be found in the following Sheets; nor the Methods of reducing Quantities into Infinite Series, and of Noting their

\* The *Direct* Method of Fluxions, as delivered by *Leibnitz* is, by *Foreigners*, called *Calculus Differentialis*; and the *Inverse* Method, *Calculus Integralis*.

† The *First Edition* was printed in the Year 1751; and the *Second*, with *Alterations* and *Additions*, in 1757.—Cuts.

‡ Those in *art.* 35, 39, 78, and 86, may be seen in other Books.

Powers and Roots, necessary to be used in *fluxional* Traſacts; therefore, theſe Deficiencies are herein ſupplied, though they do not immediately relate to the Buſineſs in Hand.

JOHN ROWE.

January 8, 1767.



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PART I.

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CHAPTER I.

*Of the Principles of Fluxions, and of the New  
Notation in Algebra.*

1. **I**N this doctrine, quantities are supposed to be generated by continual increase, after the manner of a space which a body in motion describes.

Thus, a line is supposed to be generated by a point in motion, a superficies by a line, and a solid by a superficies.

2. The velocity with which a quantity flows, or is generated, at any particular point or term of it, is called the *Fluxion* of that quantity at that point or term.

*Fig.* Thus, if we suppose the indefinite right line AZ,  
 1. to move with a parallel motion along the axis AX,  
 2. or, so as always to be parallel to its first situation  
 and, at the same time, a point to move from A  
 along the said line AZ so as to generate or always  
 to be in the curve AY; then the velocity with  
 which the end or point A of the line AZ arrives  
 at any point C, or, which is the same, the velo-  
 city with which the axis flows or is generated at any  
 particular point C, is called the fluxion of the  
 axis at that point; and the velocity with which the  
 point moves along the line AZ at any point B, that  
 is, the velocity with which the ordinate flows or in-  
 creases at any point B, is called the fluxion of the  
 ordinate at that point; also, the velocity with which  
 the point generates or moves along the curve at any  
 point B, is called the fluxion of the curve at that  
 point; likewise, the velocity, or degree of quick-  
 ness, with which the curvilinear space ACB flows,  
 or is generated by the line AZ at any term CB,  
 is called the fluxion of the said curvilinear space  
 at that term.

3. Now, if the velocity with which any quan-  
 tity flows, or is generated, be at every point or  
 term the same; that is, if it be neither accelerated  
 nor retarded, the fluxion of it will likewise be at  
 every point or term the same. But if this velo-  
 city be continually increased or diminished, then  
 there will be a certain degree of velocity, or flux-  
 ion, peculiar to every point or term of the thing  
 described; and the velocity wherewith the said  
 velocity, at any point or term, is either accelerated  
 or retarded, is called the *Fluxion of the Fluxion*,  
 or the *Second Fluxion*. And, again, if this acce-  
 leration or retardation be not uniform, but is con-



tinually varying; or the velocity with which the quantity flows does not uniformly increase or decrease, then the velocity, or degree of swiftness, with which this acceleration or retardation either increases or decreases, is called the *Third Fluxion*; and so on.

4. The indefinitely small increase of a quantity generated in an indefinitely small particle of time, is called the *Increment* of that quantity.

Thus, if we suppose  $bc$  indefinitely near and parallel to the ordinate  $BC$ , and  $Bn$  parallel to the absciss  $AC$ , then  $Cc$ , or its equal  $Bn$ , is called the increment of the absciss  $AC$ ;  $nb$  the increment of the ordinate  $CB$ ;  $Bb$  the increment of the curve  $AB$ ; and  $CBbc$  the increment of the curvilinear space  $ACB$ .

5. Now, if  $ed$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $bc$ , and  $br$  equal and parallel to  $Bn$  or  $cd$ , then the difference between  $nb$  and  $re$  is called the *Increment of the Increment*, or the *Second Increment*, that is, the *Increment* of  $nb$ , or *Second Increment* of  $CB$ . And, again, if  $sf$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $ed$ , and  $et$  equal and parallel to  $br$  or  $df$ , then the difference between the second increment and that of  $re$  and  $ts$ , is called the *Third Increment* of  $CB$ ; and so on.

6. *Note.* When a quantity, instead of increasing, is continually diminished, then the indefinitely small particles by which it is lessened, are not, properly, called *Increments*, but *Decrements*. And both *Increments* and *Decrements* are sometimes called *Moments*.

7. Now if we suppose the absciss,  $AC$ , to flow on with an uniform motion, or equal parts of it to

Fig.

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be generated or described in equal times, its increment will accurately express or be exactly as its fluxion, since velocity is always expressed by, or is as the space uniformly described in a given time; and, therefore, if the curve  $Bb$  did exactly coincide with the tangent or right line  $TBG$ , it is evident, that then the increments  $Bb$  and  $bn$  would likewise be described with uniform motions, and the same degrees of velocity with which the curve and ordinate respectively flow at the point  $B$ , that is, the increments  $Bb$  and  $bn$  would then be accurately as the fluxions of the curve and ordinate at the point  $B$ . But, since not two points of the curve are coincident with the tangent, and consequently the velocities with which the increments are generated are continually varying in every point, therefore the increments and fluxions are not in an exact proportion to each other; or, the increments do not accurately measure the velocities or fluxions with which they begin to be generated. However, as the point  $b$  is continually nearer to a coincidence with the tangent  $GB$ , the nearer it approaches the point of contact  $B$ , so, therefore, if we conceive the ordinate  $cb$  to move back until it coincides with  $CB$ , then the very first moment before its coincidence, the curve  $Bb$  and right line  $BG$  will be infinitely or rather indefinitely near to a coincidence with each other; and consequently, in that case, the increments  $Bb$  and  $bn$  will come indefinitely near to measure the fluxions of the curve and ordinate, or the velocities with which they flow at the point  $B$ ; or, because the particles of time in which any increments are generated are supposed to be indefinitely small, and, consequently, the acceleration or retardation

of the velocities with which they are generated must be so too; therefore, they are indefinitely near in proportion to the fluxions of the quantities of which they are increments; but, when *Ratios*, from that of equality, are but indefinitely little, or less, than can be assigned, they may be considered as equal\*. Hence, therefore, the increments may be taken as proportional to, or for the fluxions, in all operations; and, on the contrary, the fluxions for the increments.

8. Those quantities which are supposed to flow, or to be generated by continual increase, as the absciss and ordinate of a curve, are called *Fluents*, and *variable* or *flowing* quantities; and those which neither increase nor decrease, or admit of no variation, as the parameter of a conic section, and the diameter of a circle, are called *fixed*, *given*, and *invariable* quantities.

9. The beginning of the alphabet, viz. *a*, *b*, *c*, &c. is used to express invariable quantities; and the end of it, viz. *z*, *y*, *x*, &c. variable or flowing quantities.

10. The fluxion of any variable quantity *x*, is denoted by  $\dot{x}$ ; its second fluxion, or the fluxion of  $\dot{x}$ , by  $\ddot{x}$ ; its third fluxion, or the fluxion of  $\ddot{x}$ , by  $\dddot{x}$ ; and so on. Also, the moment, increment, or decrement of *x*, is denoted by  $x'$ ; its second moment, increment, or decrement, or the moment, increment, or decrement of  $x'$ , by  $x''$ ; and so on.

11. The fluxions and moments of invariable quantities, viz. of *a*, *b*, *c*, &c. are evidently = 0.

12. Those fluents which are generated in the

\* This was allowed by the ancient geometricians, *Euclid* *Archimedes*, &c.



same time, or in equal times, or which begin together and end together, are called *contemporary fluents*; and the fluxions of these contemporary fluents are called *contemporary fluxions*. Now, it is evident, if two or more of these contemporary fluents are always equal, or in any invariable ratio to each other, that their contemporary fluxions will likewise be equal, or in the same proportion; and that, on the contrary, if two or more of these contemporary fluxions are always equal, or in any invariable ratio to each other, their contemporary fluents will likewise be equal, or in the same proportion.

We come now to find the *Fluxions of Fluents*, or the velocities with which flowing quantities increase or decrease at any points or terms assigned; the business of which is called the *Direct Method of Fluxions*. But, before we proceed, it may, perhaps, be necessary to treat of what is called

#### THE NEW METHOD OF NOTATION IN ALGEBRA\*.

13. In surds, the index showing the height of the power to which any given quantity is to be raised, is here placed as the numerator of a fraction, whose denominator is the radical sign or index showing the root to be extracted †.

Thus,  $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$  is expressed by  $x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ , and  $\sqrt{a+x}$  by  $(a+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

\* This was invented by the late celebrated Dr. Wallis, and first published in his *Arithmetica Infinitorum* in the year 1656.

† This fraction is called the *Index* of the power, and the given quantity itself the *Root* of the power.

Also,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x^3}}$  is expressed by  $\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{5}}}$  or  $x^{-\frac{3}{5}}$ , and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{a+x}}$  by  $\frac{1}{a+x^{\frac{1}{5}}}$  or  $(a+x)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$ .\*

Now, in any geometrical progression, whose first term is *unity*, or 1, if we take an arithmetical progression, whose first term is 0, and whose second term, or common difference, is the index of the quantity in the second term of the geometrical progression; then, the number in any term of the arithmetical progression will be the index of the quantity in the corresponding term of the geometrical progression; and, therefore, the arithmetical mean between the numbers in any two terms of the arithmetical progression will be the index of the geometrical mean between the quantities in the two corresponding terms of the geometrical progression.

Thus, in the geometrical progression  $1.x^{\frac{1}{2}}.x^1.x^{\frac{3}{2}}.x^2.x^{\frac{5}{2}}.x^3$ . &c. where the common multiplier is  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; if we take the arithmetical progression  $0.\frac{1}{2}.1.\frac{3}{2}.2.\frac{5}{2}.3$ . &c. wherein the common difference, or quantity added, is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; the number in either term of the arithmetical progression is the

\* The propriety of using *negative* indices is evident; for, to divide any power of  $x$  by  $x$ , is only to lessen the index of the power by 1; or, to subtract the index of the denominator from that of the numerator. Thus,  $\frac{x^3}{x^1}$  is  $=x^2$ ;  $\frac{x^2}{x^1}$  is  $=x^1$  or  $x$ ;  $\frac{x^1}{x^1}$  is  $=x^0=1$ ;  $\frac{x^0}{x^1}$  is  $=x^{0-1}$ , that is,  $\frac{1}{x}$  is  $=x^{-1}$ ; &c.

index of the quantity in the corresponding term of the geometrical progression; and the arithmetical mean between the numbers in any two terms of the arithmetical progression is the index of the geometrical mean between the quantities in the two corresponding terms of the geometrical progression. For instance,  $\frac{3}{2}$ , the 4th term of the

arithmetical progression, is the index of  $x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , the 4th term of the geometrical progression; and the arithmetical mean between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{5}{2}$ , the 2d and 6th terms of the arithmetical progression, which is  $\frac{3}{2}$ , is the index of the geometrical mean between  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $x^{\frac{5}{2}}$ , the same two terms of the geometrical progression, which is  $x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Or, in the descending geometrical progression, or series,  $1 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot \&c.$  that is,

$1 \cdot x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot x^{-1} \cdot x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot x^{-2} \cdot x^{-\frac{5}{2}} \cdot x^{-3} \cdot \&c.$  where

the common divisor is  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , if we take the arithmetical progression, or series,  $0 \cdot -\frac{1}{2} \cdot -1 \cdot -\frac{3}{2} \cdot -2 \cdot -$

$\frac{5}{2} \cdot -3 \cdot \&c.$  wherein the common difference, or

quantity subtracted, is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the number in any term of the arithmetical series is the index of the quantity in the corresponding term of the geometrical series: thus,  $-\frac{3}{2}$ , the 4th term of the arithmetical series, is the index of  $x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ , the same term of the geometrical series; and the arithmetical mean



between any two terms of the arithmetical series, is the index of the geometrical mean between the same two terms of the geometrical series; as, for instance, the arithmetical mean between  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $-\frac{5}{2}$ , the 2d and 6th terms of the arithmetical series, which is  $-\frac{3}{2}$ , is the index of the geometrical mean between  $x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$ , the 2d and 6th terms of the geometrical series, which is  $x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Hence we may observe, that, in the indices of powers, addition has the effect of multiplication on the respective roots, and multiplication of involution, and, *e contra*, subtraction of division, and division of evolution; or that, in a word, indices of powers are entirely logarithmical with regard to their roots.

So that,  $x^2 \times x^{\frac{3}{2}}$  is  $= x^{2+\frac{3}{2}} = x^{\frac{7}{2}}$ ,  $\overline{x^3}^2$  is  $= x^{3 \times 2} = x^6$ ,  $\frac{x^5}{x^3}$  is  $= x^{5-3} = x^2$ ,  $\overline{x^4}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= x^{\frac{4}{2}} = x^2$ ; and  $x^2 \times x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  is  $= x^{2-\frac{3}{2}} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\overline{x^2}^{-3}$  is  $= x^{2 \times -3} = x^{-6}$ ,  $\overline{x^4}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= x^{4 \times -\frac{1}{2}} = x^{-2}$ : or, universally,  $x^m \times x^n$  is  $= x^{m+n}$ ,  $\overline{x^m}^n$  is  $= x^{mn}$ ,  $\frac{x^m}{x^n}$  is  $= x^{m-n}$ , and  $\overline{x^m}^{\frac{1}{n}}$  is  $=$

$x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ ; where note,  $m$  and  $n$  represent any affirmative or negative whole numbers or fractions whatever\*.

If what has been said be duly considered, no difficulty in this *new notation* will occur; the knowledge of which is absolutely necessary, in order to the well understanding the following pages.

\* These indefinite indices were introduced by the great inventor of fluxions.

## CHAPTER II.

*Of finding the Fluxion of a given Fluent.*

## RULE I.

14. To find the Fluxion of a Simple Fluent, or, of that wherein there is but One variable Letter or flowing Quantity.

MARK the variable letter or flowing quantity with a dot over it, and you will have the fluxion required.

Thus, the fluxion of  $a x$  is  $= a \dot{x}$ .

Fig.  
5.

For, if we suppose the variable rectangle AB to be generated by the given line CB setting out from the situation AD, and moving along with a parallel motion between the parallel and indefinite sides AC and DB, it is evident the velocity with which the rectangle flows is equal to the generating line CB drawn into the velocity with which the point C generates or moves along the line AC, that is, the fluxion of the rectangle AB is equal to the invariable line CB drawn into the fluxion of the flowing or variable line AC. Therefore, if AD or CB  $= a$ , and AC or DB  $= x$ , then the fluxion of the rectangle  $ax$  will be  $= a \times \dot{x} = a \dot{x}$ .

## RULE II.

15. To find the Fluxion of the Product of two or more flowing Quantities drawn into each other.
- Multiply the fluxion of each quantity separately



by the other, or the product of the rest of the quantities; and the sum of these products will be the fluxion required\*.

Thus, the fluxion of  $xy$  is  $=\dot{x}y+x\dot{y}$ ; the fluxion of  $xyz$  is  $=\dot{x}yz+x\dot{y}z+x\dot{z}y$ ; and the fluxion of  $vxyz$  is  $=\dot{v}xyz+v\dot{x}yz+v\dot{y}xz+v\dot{z}xy$ .

1°. That the fluxion of  $xy$  is  $=\dot{x}y+x\dot{y}$ , may thus be proved. Suppose a line, coincident with the indefinite right line  $AF$ , to move with a parallel motion along the indefinite right line  $AE$  perpendicular to  $AF$ ; and, at the same time, another coincident with the line  $AE$ , to move with a parallel motion along the line  $AF$ ; and that the said two lines move with such different degrees of velocity as that their points of intersection be always in the curve  $AI$ . Through any point  $B$  in the curve, draw  $CH$  parallel to  $AF$ , and  $DG$  parallel to  $AE$ . Then, by the line moving along the line  $AE$  will the curvilinear space  $AEI$  and rectangle  $DE$  be generated; and by the line moving along the line  $AF$  the curvilinear space  $AFI$  and rectangle  $CF$  will be generated. Now, before the line moving along the line  $AE$  arrives at the situation  $CH$ , it is evident, that the curvilinear space  $AEI$  will increase slower, or flow with a less degree of velocity than the rectangle  $DE$ , and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity; therefore, at the term  $CB$ , they

Fig.  
6.

\* The common methods of proving the truth of this rule, which are by the aid of increments, were smartly attacked by the late acute Dr Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, in a pamphlet called *The Analyst*, printed in the year 1734; but his objections, it is presumed, are by no means applicable to the demonstrations here given; on the contrary, it is not doubted, but the reasoning here advanced will be allowed to be scientific, fair, and conclusive.

will flow or increase with one and the same degree of velocity. So, likewise, the curvilinear space AFI, will flow or increase slower, or with a less degree of velocity than the rectangle CF, before the generating line, moving along the line AF, comes to the situation DG; and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity; and, therefore, at the term DB, they will increase or flow with an equal degree of velocity; that is, the fluxion of the curvilinear space AEI is, at the term CB, equal to the fluxion of the rectangle DE at the said term CB; and the fluxion of the curvilinear space AFI is, at the term DB, equal to the fluxion of the rectangle CF at the same term DB. But, (*Art. 14.*) the fluxion of the rectangle DE, at the term CB, is equal to CB drawn into the fluxion of AC; and the fluxion of the rectangle CF, at the term DB, is equal to DB drawn into the fluxion of AD. Hence, therefore, the fluxion of the flowing rectangle ACBD (or of the sum of the two curvilinear spaces ACB and ADB) is equal to CB drawn into the fluxion of AC, added to DB drawn into the fluxion of AD; that is, if we put AC or DB =  $x$ , and AD or CB =  $y$ , the fluxion of the rectangle  $xy$  will be  $= \dot{x}y + x\dot{y}$ .

2°. And, that the fluxion of  $xyz$  is  $= \dot{x}yz + x\dot{y}z + xy\dot{z}$ , may thus be proved. Let the length, breadth, and depth, of a parallelopipedon, be represented by  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , respectively. Now, this parallelopipedon will be equal to three pyramids, whose bases are  $xy$ ,  $xz$ , and  $yz$ , and altitudes  $z$ ,  $y$ , and  $x$ , respectively\*: and therefore, (*Art. 12.*) the sum of the fluxions of these pyramids

\* 7 E. 12. Corol. 1.

will be equal to the fluxion of the parallelopipedon  $x y z$ . Let either of the pyramids be represented by  $AEI$  or  $ACB$ , which suppose to be generated by the variable plane  $AF$  moving with a parallel motion along the indefinite right line  $AE$ ; and, at the same time, let the parallelopipedon  $ADGE$  (whose face  $AD$  or  $EG$  is equal and similar to the base of the pyramid at the term  $CB$ ) be generated by the plane  $AD$  always coincident with the plane  $AF$ . Now, it is plain, that the pyramid will increase slower, or flow with a less degree of velocity, than the parallelopipedon, before the generating planes arrive at the term  $CB$ , and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity; therefore, at the said term  $CB$ , they will flow, or be generated, with the same or an equal degree of velocity: but it is likewise plain, that the velocity with which the parallelopipedon is generated is equal to its face  $AD$  or  $CB$  drawn into the velocity of its motion along the line or side  $AE$ ; therefore, the velocity with which the pyramid is generated, is, at the term  $CB$ , equal to its base  $CB$  drawn into the velocity of its motion at the point  $C$ , along the side  $AE$ ; that is, the fluxion of the pyramid  $ACB$  is equal to its base  $CB$  drawn into the fluxion of its altitude  $AC$ . Hence, therefore, when the base is  $xy$  and altitude  $z$ , the fluxion of the pyramid is  $= xy \times \dot{z} = xy\dot{z}$ ; and when the base is  $xz$  and altitude  $y$ , the fluxion of it is  $= xz \times \dot{y} = x\dot{y}z$ ; and, lastly, when the base is  $yz$ , and altitude  $x$ , its fluxion is  $= yz \times \dot{x} = x\dot{y}z$ . Consequently,  $\dot{x}yz + x\dot{y}z + xy\dot{z}$  (which is the sum of the fluxions of the three pyramids,) is  $=$  the fluxion of the parallelopipedon  $xyz$ .

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3°. And, hence, that the fluxion of  $v x y z$  is  $=$



$\dot{v} x y z + v \dot{x} y z + v x \dot{y} z + v x y \dot{z}$ , may be thus proved. Put  $x y z = u$ ; then  $v x y z = v u$ ; therefore, (*Art.* 12.) the fluxion of  $u$  is = the fluxion of  $x y z$ , and the fluxion of  $v u$  is = the fluxion of  $v x y z$ ; that is,  $\dot{u} = \dot{x} y z + x \dot{y} z + x y \dot{z}$ , and  $\dot{v} u + v \dot{u} =$  the fluxion of  $v x y z$ . Wherefore, by restitution, or writing  $x y z$  for  $u$  and  $\dot{x} y z + x \dot{y} z + x y \dot{z}$  for  $\dot{u}$ , we have  $\dot{v} u + v \dot{u} = \dot{v} x y z + v \dot{x} y z + v x \dot{y} z + v x y \dot{z} =$  the fluxion of  $v x y z$ . Hence

16. The fluxion of  $x x$  is  $= \dot{x} x + x \dot{x}$ ; the fluxion of  $x x x$  is  $= \dot{x} x x + x \dot{x} x + x x \dot{x}$ ; the fluxion of  $x x x x$  is  $= \dot{x} x x x + x \dot{x} x x + x x \dot{x} x + x x x \dot{x}$ ; that is, the fluxion of  $x^2$  is  $= 2 x \dot{x}$ ; the fluxion of  $x^3$  is  $= 3 x^2 \dot{x}$ ; the fluxion of  $x^4$  is  $= 4 x^3 \dot{x}$ . And if  $m$  represents any affirmative or positive whole number, the fluxion of  $x^m$  will be  $= m x^{m-1} \dot{x}$ .

### RULE III.

#### 17. To find the Fluxion of a Fraction.

Multiply the denominator into the fluxion of the numerator; from the product of which, subtract the numerator drawn into the fluxion of the denominator; then, divide the remainder by the square of the denominator, and you will have the fluxion of the fraction required.

Thus, the fluxion of  $\frac{x}{y}$  is  $= \frac{\dot{x} y - x \dot{y}}{y^2}$ .

For, put  $z = \frac{x}{y}$ ; then  $y z = x$ ; and the fluxion of this equation (*Art.* 12 and 15.) is  $\dot{y} z + y \dot{z} =$

$\dot{x}$ : therefore, by transposition,  $y \dot{z} = \dot{x} - \dot{y} z$ , and, by division,  $\dot{z} = \frac{\dot{x} - \dot{y} z}{y}$ ; that is, by restitution,

$$\text{or writing } \frac{x}{y} \text{ for } z \text{ its equal, } \dot{z} = \frac{\dot{x} - \dot{y} \times \frac{x}{y}}{y} = \frac{\dot{x} y - x \dot{y}}{y^2} = \text{the fluxion of } \frac{x}{y}.$$

Also, the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x}$  is  $= -\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2}$ ; the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is  $= -\frac{2 x \dot{x}}{x^4}$ ; the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^3}$  is  $= -\frac{3 x^2 \dot{x}}{x^6}$  and the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^4}$  is  $= -\frac{4 x^3 \dot{x}}{x^8}$ .

For,

1°. Put  $z = \frac{1}{x}$ ; then  $x z = 1$ , and the fluxion of  $x z$  will be  $=$  the fluxion of 1, which (*Art. 11.*) is  $= 0$ ; that is, (*Art. 15.*)  $\dot{x} z + x \dot{z} = 0$ ; therefore,  $x \dot{z} = -\dot{x} z$ , and  $\dot{z} = -\frac{\dot{x} z}{x}$ ; or, by writing for  $z$  its equal  $\frac{1}{x}$ ,  $\dot{z} = -\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2} =$  the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

2°. Put  $z = \frac{1}{x^2}$ ; then,  $z x^2 = 1$ ; and the fluxion of this equation (*Art. 11, 15, and 16.*) is  $\dot{z} x^2 + 2 z x \dot{x} = 0$ ; therefore,  $\dot{z} x^2 = -2 z x \dot{x}$ , and  $\dot{z} = -\frac{2 z x \dot{x}}{x^2}$ ; or, by writing  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  for its value  $z$ ,  $\dot{z} = -\frac{2 x \dot{x}}{x^4} = -\frac{2 \dot{x}}{x^3} =$  the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^2}$ .

3°. Put  $z = \frac{1}{x^3}$ ; then,  $zx^3 = 1$ ; and the fluxion of this equation (*Art.* 11, 15, and 16.) is  $\dot{z}x^3 + 3zx^2\dot{x} = 0$ ; therefore,  $\dot{z}x^3 = -3zx^2\dot{x}$ , and  $\dot{z} = \frac{-3zx^2\dot{x}}{x^3}$ ; or, by writing  $\frac{1}{x^3}$  for  $z$  its value,  $\dot{z} = \frac{-3x^2\dot{x}}{x^6} = \frac{-3\dot{x}}{x^4} =$  the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^3}$ .

4°. Put  $z = \frac{1}{x^4}$ ; then  $zx^4 = 1$ , the fluxion of which equation, (*Art.* 11, 15, and 16) is  $\dot{z}x^4 + 4zx^3\dot{x} = 0$ : therefore  $\dot{z}x^4 = -4zx^3\dot{x}$ , and  $\dot{z} = \frac{-4zx^3\dot{x}}{x^4}$ ; that is, by restitution, or writing  $\frac{1}{x^4}$  for  $z$ ,  $\dot{z} = \frac{-4x^3\dot{x}}{x^8} = \frac{-4\dot{x}}{x^5} =$  the fluxion of  $\frac{1}{x^4}$ .

But, by the *new* method of notation in algebra, (*Art.* 13.)  $\frac{1}{x}$  is  $= x^{-1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is  $= x^{-2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^3}$  is  $= x^{-3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^4}$  is  $= x^{-4}$ : also,  $\frac{-\dot{x}}{x^2}$  is  $= -x^{-2}\dot{x}$ ,  $\frac{-2\dot{x}}{x^3}$  is  $= -2x^{-3}\dot{x}$ ,  $\frac{-3\dot{x}}{x^4}$  is  $= -3x^{-4}\dot{x}$ ,  $\frac{-4\dot{x}}{x^5}$  is  $= -4x^{-5}\dot{x}$ . Hence,

18. The fluxion of  $x^{-1}$  is  $= -x^{-2}\dot{x}$ , fluxion of  $x^{-2}$  is  $= -2x^{-3}\dot{x}$ , the fluxion of  $x^{-3}$  is  $= -3x^{-4}\dot{x}$ , the fluxion of  $x^{-4}$  is  $= -4x^{-5}\dot{x}$ ; and, if  $m$  represents any negative whole number, the fluxion of  $x^m$  will be  $= m x^{m-1}\dot{x}$ .

RULE IV.

19. To find the fluxion of an expression compounded of different terms or quantities connected together by the signs  $+$  and  $-$ .

Find the fluxion of each term by the preceding rules; which connect together by the signs of the respective terms: and you will have the fluxion required.

$$\text{Thus the fluxion of } ax + xy - \frac{x}{y} \text{ is } = a\dot{x} + \dot{x}y + x\dot{y} - \frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{y^2}$$

For, put  $ax + xy - \frac{x}{y} = v$ ; then  $ax + xy = v + \frac{x}{y}$ . Now, (*art.* 12.) it is evident, that, the Sum of the Fluxions of  $ax$  and  $xy$  must always be equal to the Sum of the Fluxions of  $v$  and  $\frac{x}{y}$ ; that is,  $a\dot{x} + \dot{x}y + x\dot{y} = \dot{v} + \frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{y^2}$ : therefore, by transposition,  $a\dot{x} + \dot{x}y + x\dot{y} - \frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{y^2} = \dot{v} = \text{the Fluxion of } ax + xy - \frac{x}{y}$ .



## RULE V.

20. To find the Fluxion of any Power of a given Fluent; whether the Index be integral or fractional, affirmative or negative.

Multiply the expression by the Index of the Power; then, subtract 1 from the said Index, and multiply the resulting expression by the Fluxion of the given Fluent, or of the Root of the Power; and you will have the Fluxion required.

Thus, the fluxion of  $\overline{x+x^2}^3$  is  $= 3 \times \overline{x+x^2}^{3-1} \times \dot{x} + 2 \times \overline{x+x^2}^2 \times 3\dot{x} + 6 \times \overline{x+x^2} \times \dot{x}$ ; the fluxion of  $\overline{2ax-x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{1}{2} \times \overline{2ax-x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \times 2a\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x}$   
 $= \overline{2ax-x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times a\dot{x} - x\dot{x}$  (because, *art.* 13,  
 $\overline{2ax-x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{1}{\overline{2ax-x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ),  $\frac{a\dot{x} - x\dot{x}}{\overline{2ax-x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ;  
the Fluxion of  $\overline{a+x}^{-2}$  is  $= -2 \times \overline{a+x}^{-2-1} \times \dot{x}$   
 $= \overline{a+x}^{-3} \times -2\dot{x} = \frac{-2\dot{x}}{\overline{a+x}^3}$ ; the Fluxion of  $\overline{x-a}^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  is  $= -\frac{2}{3} \times \overline{x-a}^{-\frac{2}{3}-1} \times \dot{x}$   
 $= -\frac{2}{3} \times \overline{x-a}^{-\frac{5}{3}} \times \dot{x} = \frac{1}{\overline{x-a}^{\frac{5}{3}}} \times +\frac{2}{3}\dot{x} = \frac{+2\dot{x}}{3 \times \overline{x-a}^{\frac{5}{3}}}$ . And, universally, the Fluxion of  $\overline{x}^m$  is  $= \frac{m}{n} \times \overline{x}^{n-1} \times \dot{x} = \frac{m}{n} \times \overline{x}^{\frac{m}{n}-1} \times \dot{x} = \frac{m}{n} \times \overline{x}^{\frac{m}{n}-1} \times \dot{x}$



$\frac{m-n}{n} \dot{x}$ ; where, *note*, either  $m$  or  $n$ , or both  $m$  and  $n$ , may be either integral or fractional affirmative or negative; and consequently, the Index  $\frac{m}{n}$ , ex-

presses, or represents, any affirmative or negative whole-number or fraction whatsoever. For, by *art.* 16 and 18, if  $m$  represents any affirmative or negative whole-number, the Fluxion of  $x^m$  will be  $= m x^{m-1} \dot{x}$ ; and, therefore, if we suppose

$y = x_n$ , or, which is the same,  $y_n = x$ , and  $n$  to be any affirmative or negative whole-number likewise, by *art.* 12. the Fluxion of  $y^n$  will be  $=$  the Fluxion of  $x^m$ ; that is,  $n y^{n-1} \dot{y} = m x^{m-1} \dot{x}$ ; which equation divided by  $n y^{n-1}$  makes  $\dot{y} =$

$\frac{m x^{m-1} \dot{x}}{n y_{n-1}}$ , that is, by writing  $x_n^m$  for  $y$  it's value,  $\dot{y} =$

$$= \frac{m x^{m-1} \dot{x}}{n \times x_n^{n-1}} = \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{x^{m-1} \dot{x}}{x_n^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = \frac{m}{n} \times \dot{x}^{\frac{m-1}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n}}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{m}{n} x^{\frac{m-n}{n}} \dot{x} = \text{the Fluxion of } x^{\frac{m}{n}}: \text{ and that}$$

either  $m$  or  $n$ , or both  $m$  and  $n$ , may represent any fractions as well as whole-numbers, is plain, since

$\frac{m}{n}$  represents the quotient of any whole-number

divided by another, and may be taken for a new  $m$  or  $n$ ; and so on *ad infinitum*: therefore, universally, &c.

## RULE VI.

21. To find the Fluxion of a Logarithm.

THE Fluxion of the Hyperbolic Logarithm of any quantity, is equal to the Fluxion of that quantity, divided by the quantity itself.

Thus, the Fluxion of the Hyp. Log of  $x$  is  $= \frac{\dot{x}}{x}$ . (See *Part 3. Quest. 8.*)

Now, as the Hyp. Log. of 10 (*viz.* 2.30258 &c. See *Part 3. Quest. 9.*) is to the Common Log. of 10 (*viz.* 1.) so is the Hyp. Log. of any number,  $x$ , to the Common Log. of the same number,  $x$ ; that is, if we put  $L = 2.30258, \&c.$  as  $L:1::$  Hyp. Log. of  $x$ : Common Log of  $x$ . Therefore, (*art. 12.*)  $L:1::$  Fluxion of the Hyp. Log. of  $x$ : Fluxion of the Common Log. of  $x$ .

Hence,  $L:1::\frac{\dot{x}}{x}:\frac{\dot{x}}{Lx}$  = the Fluxion of the

Common Log. of  $x$ ; or, because  $\frac{1}{L} = 0.43429$

&c. if we put  $\frac{1}{L} = M$ ; then the Fluxion of the

Common Log. of  $x$  (*viz.*  $\frac{\dot{x}}{Lx}$ ) will be  $= \frac{\dot{x}}{x} \times$

$M$ ; that is, the Fluxion of the Hyp. Log. of any number multiplied by ( $M$  or) 0.43429 &c. is = the Fluxion of the Common Log. of the said Number.

SCHOLIUM.

22. **THOUGH** hitherto we have supposed when one variable quantity in a Fluential\* Expression increases, that the others, if any, increase likewise: yet, it often happens, that some of them decrease while the others increase; in which case, the Fluxions of the decreasing are negative with respect to those of the increasing quantities: and therefore, the signs of the terms affected with them ought to be changed.

Thus, if whilst  $x$  increases  $y$  decreases, the Fluxion of the rectangle  $xy$  will be expressed by  $\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}$ .

For, let the flowing or variable rectangle **AB** Fig. 8. be continually increasing by the parallel motion of the variable line **CB** moving from the situation **AF** along the line **AE**; and be continually diminishing by the motion of the variable line **DB**, parallel to the line **AE**, and approaching towards it along the line **FA**; that is, let the side **AC** = **DB** continually increase whilst the side **AD** = **CB** continually decreases. Now, putting **AC** =  $x$ , and **AD** =  $y$ , it follows from *art. 15. dem. 1<sup>o</sup>*. that the fluxion of the increase will be =  $\dot{x}y$ , and that the fluxion of the decrease will be =  $x\dot{y}$ : therefore, the fluxion of the decrease subtracted from the fluxion of the increase, leaves the fluxion of the rectangle  $xy$  or the velocity with which it flows =  $\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}$ .

If what has been said be well understood, it is hoped, the Learner will meet with few difficulties in the application thereof, to which we now proceed.

\* By a fluential expression is meant, that which contains one, two, or more variable quantities.

## CHAPTER III.

*Of drawing Tangents to Curves.*

23. A *Tangent* is a right line which coincides with a curve in a point, and there shews its direction, that is, the inclination it bears to the axis or the angle it makes with the Ordinate.

*Fig.* Thus, if the right line TB coincides with the  
 9. curve AY at any point B, the said line is a tangent  
 10. to it at that point: and, because no two lines can coincide unless they have the same direction, therefore, the direction of the tangent is properly the direction of the curve at the point of contact.

Now, in general, what is requisite in order to draw the tangent to any point B, is to find the right line CT, called the subtangent; or, the distance of the point T from the ordinate CB through which the tangent must pass. And to effect this,

24. Let  $cb$  be supposed parallel to the ordinate CB, and  $Bn$  equal and parallel to  $Cc$ ; then, if the line  $cb$  be removed towards CB, in a parallel motion, until it coincides with it; the moment before its coincidence, the triangle  $Bnb$  will be in its evanescent state; or, which is the same thing, if the said two lines be separated from their coincidence, the very first moment of their separation produces the said triangle in its nascent state; and in that moment, the line  $nb$ , terminated by the line  $Bn$  at one end and by the curve at the other, comes indefinitely near to touch the tangent TB produced: consequently the triangles  $bnB$  and BCT come then indefinitely near to similarity, and may be considered as similar: wherefore, by



4 E. 6.  $bn : nB :: BC : CT$ ; that is, (putting the absciss  $AC = x$ , the ordinate  $CB = y$ ,  $Cc = Bn = x'$ , and  $bn = y'$ .)  $y' : x' :: y : \frac{x' y}{y'} = CT$ ; or,  
 (Art. 7.)  $\dot{y} : \dot{x} :: y : \frac{\dot{x} y}{\dot{y}} = CT$ .

Or, suppose the indefinite right line  $AZ$  to move with a parallel and uniform motion along the axis  $AX$ ; and, at the same time, a point to move from  $A$  along the said line  $AZ$  with such velocity as always to be in the curve  $AY$ : then, when the line  $AZ$  comes to the situation  $CB$ , if the point moving along thereon were to continue on with an uniform motion, and the same degree of velocity with which it arrives at  $B$ , it is evident it would move along the tangent  $TB$  produced; and therefore, when the point  $A$  or  $C$  arrives at  $c$ , the point moving along the line  $AZ$  would arrive at  $m$ : and, because velocity is always as the space uniformly described in a given time, therefore  $Cc$  or  $Bn$  will be as the velocity with which the point  $A$  moves along the axis,  $nm$  as the velocity with which the point moves from  $B$  along the line  $AZ$ , and  $Bm$  as the velocity with which the point describes the curve at  $B$  or moves from  $B$  to  $m$ ; that is,  $Cc$  or  $Bn$  will be as the fluxion of the absciss  $AC$ ,  $nm$  as the fluxion of the ordinate  $CB$ , and  $Bm$  as the fluxion of the curve at the point  $B$ : but the triangles  $m n B$  and  $BCT$  are similar; therefore, by 4 E. 6  $mn : nB :: BC : CT$ ; that is, the fluxion of the ordinate : the fluxion of the absciss :: the ordinate : the subtangent; or, putting

the absciss  $AC = x$ , and the ordinate  $CB = y$ ,)  
 $\dot{y} : \dot{x} :: y : \frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}} = CT$ ; as before.

25. Now,  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$  is a general expression for the subtangent of every curve whose absciss is  $x$  and ordinate  $y$ ; but, as it is embarrassed with the fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$ , so the whole business is to exterminate them: and to do this, put the equation of the curve into fluxions; from which, or from other properties of the curve, find the value of  $\dot{x}$  in terms that are all affected with  $\dot{y}$ , or, of  $\dot{y}$  in terms that are all affected with  $\dot{x}$ ; then, if for  $\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{y}$  we substitute its value thus found, in this general expression, viz.  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$  we shall have the subtangent  $CT$  in known terms, or free from fluxions; by which the sought tangent  $TB$ , to a given point in the curve, may be easily drawn.

26. *Note.* When the fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$ , or of the absciss and ordinate, are negative to each other, that is, when  $x$  increases if  $y$  decreases; or *vice versa*; then the general expression  $(\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}})$  for

the subtangent will be  $-\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$ ; wherein the negative sign only signifies, that the subtangent lies on the other side of the ordinate with regard to the absciss  $x$ . But in finding the fluxion of the equation of the curve, the fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$  must not be considered as negative to each other, if you

would have the sought expression for the subtangent come out affirmative.

EXAMPLE I.

27. To draw a Tangent to a Circle\*.

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Put the radius EA or ED =  $a$ , absciss AC =  $x$ , and ordinate CB =  $y$ ; then, CD =  $2a - x$ . Now, by 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CD = CB^2$ , that is,  $2ax - x^2 = y^2$ ; and this equation put into fluxions is  $2a\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; which divided by

$2a - 2x$ , makes  $\dot{x} = \frac{y\dot{y}}{a-x}$ ; which substituted

for  $\dot{x}$  in the general expression for the subtangent,

(viz.  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$ , Art. 25.) makes the subtangent CT =

$\frac{y^2}{a-x}$  (which, by writing  $2ax - x^2$  for its above

value, viz.  $y^2$ , is) =  $\frac{2ax - x^2}{a-x} = \frac{CB^2}{EC}$ . Where-

fore, if the distance signified by this expression be set off from the point C, in the diameter DA produced, we shall have the point T, through which the tangent to the point B must pass.

Construction.

Through the point B describe the semicircle EBT: then will T be the point from which the

\* By the word circle, is generally meant the space bounded by a curve every-where equidistant from a fixed point; but sometimes the curve itself. (See Sir Isaac Newton's *Arithmetica Universalis*.)

the tangent to the point B is to be drawn. For, by 31 E. 3. the angle EBT will be right; and therefore, by 8 E. 6. the triangles ECB and BCT will be similar, and by 4 E. 6.  $EC : CB :: BC : CT : \therefore CT = \frac{CB^2}{EC}$ .

## EXAMPLE II.

Fig. 12. 28. To draw a *Tangent* to a *Parabola*.

Suppose F to be the focus; and PR the parameter, which put  $= a$ ; also, put the absciss  $AC = x$ , and ordinate  $CB = y$ . Now, by a well known property of the curve,  $PR \times AC = CB^2$ , that is,  $ax = y^2$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $a\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; therefore,  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}$ ; which substituted for  $x$ , makes the general expression for the subtangent CT (*viz.*  $\frac{\dot{xy}}{\dot{y}}$  art. 25.)  $= \frac{2y^2}{a} =$  (by substituting  $ax$  for  $y^2$  its value,)  $\frac{2}{a} \frac{a}{a} x = 2x$ . So that, the Subtangent CT is double the absciss AC; and consequently, AT is  $= AC$ .

## EXAMPLE III.

Fig. 13. 29. To draw a *Tangent* to an *Ellipsis*.

Put the tranverse diameter  $AD = a$ , conjugate  $NO = b$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , and ordinate  $CB = y$ . Now, by a well known property of the curve,



$AD^2 : NO^2 :: AC \times CD : CB^2$ ; that is,  $a^2 : b^2 ::$

$x \times a - x : \frac{b^2}{a^2} \times ax - x^2 = y^2$ ; the Fluxion of which

equation is  $\frac{b^2}{a^2} \times \frac{ax - 2x\dot{x}}{a^2} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; and this divided by  $\frac{b^2}{a^2}$

$\times a - 2\dot{x}$ , gives  $\dot{x} = \frac{2a^2 y \dot{y}}{ab^2 - 2b^2 x}$ ; which substituted

for  $\dot{x}$  in  $\frac{xy}{y}$  (the general expression for the Subtan-

gent, *art.* 25.) makes the Subtangent  $CT =$

$\frac{2a^2 y^2}{ab^2 - 2b^2 x} =$  (by writing  $\frac{b^2}{a^2} \times ax - x^2$  for  $y^2$  its equal),

$\frac{2a^3 b^2 x - 2a^2 b^2 x^2}{a^3 b^2 - 2a^2 b^2 x} = \frac{2ax - 2x^2}{a - 2x}$ . Whence we

may observe, that,  $AT$  is  $(= CT - CA =$

$\frac{2ax - 2x^2}{a - 2x} - x) = \frac{ax}{a - 2x} =$  that part of the Sub-

tangent which falls *without* the curve.

### Construction.

Make  $Cv = CA$ ; erect the perpendicular  $Ar$ , terminated by a right line drawn from  $E$  through  $v$ ; lastly, make  $AT = Ar$ : then will  $T$  be the point from which the Tangent to the Point  $B$  must be drawn. For, by 4 E. 6.  $EC : Cv :: EA : Ar$ ,

that is,  $\frac{1}{2}a - x : x :: \frac{1}{2}a : \frac{ax}{a - 2x} = AT$ .

### EXAMPLE IV.

30. To draw a Tangent to an *Hyperbola*.

*Fig.*

Put the transverse diameter  $DA = a$ , conjugate 14.  
 $NO = b$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , and ordinate  $CB = y$ .

Now, by a well known property of the curve  $DA^2 : NO^2 :: DC \times AC : CB^2$ , that is,  $a^2 : b^2 ::$

$\frac{b^2}{a+x} : x :: \frac{b^2}{a^2} \times \frac{ax+x^2}{a^2} = y^2$ ; and, by putting both sides of this equation of the curve into Fluxions, we shall have  $\frac{b^2}{a^2} \times a\dot{x} + 2x\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; therefore, by divi-

sion,  $\dot{x} = \frac{2a^2 y \dot{y}}{ab^2 + 2b^2 x}$ ; which multiplied by  $\frac{y}{\dot{y}}$ , or,

which is the same, substituted for  $\dot{x}$  in  $\frac{x\dot{y}}{\dot{y}}$ , the general expression for the Subtangent, *art. 25*) makes the Subtangent  $CT = \frac{2a^2 y^2}{ab^2 + 2b^2 x}$  (which, by

writing for  $y^2$  its equal  $\frac{b^2}{a^2} \times \frac{ax+x^2}{a^2}$ , is)  $= \frac{2ax+2x^2}{a+2x}$ . So that, AT, that Part of the Sub-

tangent *without* the curve, is  $= \frac{2ax+2x^2}{a+2x} - x =$

$$\frac{ax}{a+2x}.$$

### Construction.

Make  $Cv=CA$ ; erect the perpendicular  $Ar$ , terminated by the right line  $Ev$ ; lastly, make  $AT=Ar$ : then will  $T$  be the point from which the Tangent to the point  $B$  must be drawn. For, by 4E. 6.  $EC : Cv :: EA : Ar$ , that is,  $\frac{1}{2}a+x : x :: \frac{1}{2}a :$

$$\frac{ax}{a+2x} = AT.$$

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31. From the three foregoing Examples, it may be observed, that, in the *Parabola* (fig. 12) the internal part of the Subtangent, viz. the absciss AC, is always *equal* to the external part AT: In the *Ellipsis* (fig. 13.) the internal part AC is always *less* than the external part AT. And, that, in the *Hyperbola* (fig. 14.) the internal part AC is always *greater* than the external part AT.

EXAMPLE V.

32. To draw a *Tangent* to an *Hyperbola* between its Fig. 15.  
Asymptotes; that is, taking one of its Asymp-  
totes for an Axis.

Let EZ and ET be the asymptotes of the hyperbola YAB, whose vertex is A; draw AP and BC parallel to the asymptote EZ; then will AP be the parameter and equal to PE, which put  $=a$ ; EC an absciss, which put  $=x$ ; and CB an ordinate, which put  $=y$ . Now, because when  $x$  increases  $y$  decreases; therefore  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  are negative to each other, and the general expression for the Subtangent is  $-\frac{x\dot{y}}{y}$ ; where the negative sign shews

that, the point T lies on the other side of the ordinate CB with regard to E, (*art.* 26.). By the well known property of the curve, EC: EP:: PA: CB, that is,  $x:a::a:y$ ;  $\therefore x = \frac{a^2}{y}$ ; the Fluxion of

which equation is  $\dot{x} = -\frac{a^2\dot{y}}{y^2}$ ; and this value of  $\dot{x}$  being substituted for it in the above general ex-

pression for the Subtangent, viz.— $\frac{xy}{y}$ , makes the Subtangent  $CT = \frac{a^2 y \dot{y}}{y^2 \dot{y}} = \frac{a^2}{y}$  (by writing  $xy$  for its equal  $a^2$ ),  $\frac{xy}{y} = x$ . So that,  $CT$  must be  $= CE$ .

## EXAMPLE VI.

**Fig. 33.** To draw a *Tangent* to the *Conchoid* of *Nicomedes* \*.

16.

Let fall the perpendicular  $BH$  on the asymptote  $EZ$ , and draw  $BC$  equal and parallel to  $HE$ . Put  $PE = a$ ,  $EA = b = FB$ ,  $EC = x = HB$ , and  $CB = y = EH$ . Now, by 47 E. 1.  $\overline{FB^2 - BH^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = HF$ , that is,  $\overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = HF$ ; and because the triangles  $PCB$  and  $BHF$  are similar, by 4 E. 6.  $BH : HF :: PC : CB$ , that is,  $x : \overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: a + x : y$ ;  $\therefore y = \frac{a+x}{x} \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which is the equation of the curve; the Fluxion of which is  $\dot{y} = \frac{x\dot{x} - \frac{a+x}{x^2} \times$

$$\overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2x\dot{x} \times \frac{a+x}{x} = \frac{-a\dot{x}}{x^2} \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{x\dot{x}}{\overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{a+x}{x} = \frac{-ab^2\dot{x} - x^3\dot{x}}{x^2 \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

which substituted

\* This Curve is thus generated:—From a fixed Point  $P$ , which is called the Pole of the Conchoid, let a number of right lines  $PA$ ,  $PB$ ,  $PD$ , &c. be drawn, cutting the right line  $EZ$ , which is an asymptote to the Curve; and let the distances  $EA$ ,  $FB$ ,  $GD$ , &c. be made equal to each other, and a line be drawn through the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , &c. then will this line be a curve, called by its inventor *Nicomedes*, a *Conchoid*.



$\dot{y}$ , in  $-\frac{\dot{x}y'}{y}$ , the general expression for the Subtangent when  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  are negative to each other, (*art.* 26.) makes the Subtangent  $CT = \frac{yx^2 \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}}{ab^2 + x^3}$  (which, by substituting for  $y$  its equal in the above equation of the curve, is)  $= \frac{a+x \times \overline{b^2 - x^2} \times x^2}{ab^2x + x^4} = \frac{a+x \times \overline{b^2x - x^3}}{ab^2 + x^3}$ .

*Construction.*

Make  $Bn = PC$ , draw  $nr$  parallel to  $CP$ , make  $Fv = nr$ , draw the right line  $vC$ , parallel to which draw  $BT$ : then will  $BT$  be a Tangent to the point  $B$ . For, by 4 E. 6.  $PC : CB :: PE : EF$ , that is  $a+x : y :: a : \frac{ay}{a+x} = EF$ ; and  $BC : CP :: Bn : nr$ ,

that is,  $y : a+x :: a+x : \frac{a+x}{y} = nr = Fv$ ;  $\therefore Ev = (EF + Fv) = \frac{ay}{a+x} + \frac{a+x}{y}$ . Again  $vE : EC ::$

$BC : CT$ , that is,  $\frac{ay}{a+x} + \frac{a+x}{y} : x :: y : \frac{xy^2 \times \overline{a+x}}{ay^2 + a+x} = CT$ . But, by the equation of the curve,  $y^2 = \frac{a+x}{x^2} \times \overline{b^2 - x^2}$ ; which substituted for  $y^2$  makes  $CT = \frac{a+x \times \overline{b^2x - x^3}}{ab^2 + x^3}$ .

## EXAMPLE VII.

Fig. 17. 34. To draw a *Tangent* to the *Cissoïd* of *Diocles* \*.

Let ABD be the *Cissoïd*, whose generating semicircle is AFE, and asymptote EZ an indefinite right line perpendicular to the diameter AE. Put the diameter  $AE = a$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ . Now, because by the generation of the curve, the arches  $Eb$  and  $Ad$  are equal, therefore  $bb = dC$ , and  $bE = CA$ ; and, because the triangles  $bbA$  and  $BCA$  are alike, therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $Ab : bb :: AC : CB$ ; but, by 13 E. 6.  $Ab : bb :: bb : bE$ ;  $\therefore bb : bE :: AC : CB$ ; that is,  $dC : CA :: AC : CB$ ; or (because  $CE = a - x$ , and by 35 E. 3.  $Cd = \overline{AC \times GE}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \overline{ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\overline{ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : x :: x : y$ ;  $\therefore x^2 = y \times \overline{ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; the square of which equation divided by  $x$ , is  $x^3 = ay^2 - xy^2$ ; which is the equation of the curve; and the Fluxion of this equation is  $3x^2\dot{x} = 2ay\dot{y} - x\dot{y}^2 - 2xy\dot{y}$ ; therefore, by transposition and division,  $\dot{x} = \frac{2ay\dot{y} - 2xy\dot{y}}{3x^2 + y^2}$ , which substituted for  $\dot{x}$ ,

makes the Subtangent CT ( $= \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}$ , art. 25.) =

\* This Curve is thus generated:—In the semicircle AFE, make any two arches  $Ea$  and  $Ac$ , or  $Eb$  and  $Ad$ , equal to one another; and through the points  $a, b, d, c$ , let right lines be drawn perpendicular to the diameter AE, and transverse lines from the point A; then, from A, through the points of intersection  $\odot BD$ , &c. draw a line A  $\odot BD$ , &c. and it will be a Curve, called by its inventor *Diocles* a *Cissoïd*.

$\frac{2ay^2 - 2xy^2}{3x^2 + y^2} =$  (by writing for  $y^2$  its equal  $\frac{x^3}{a-x}$ ,)  $\frac{2ax - 2x^2}{3a - 2x}$ . Whence we may observe, that, AT, the Difference between the absciss AC and subtangent TC, is  $= \frac{ax}{3a - 2x}$ .

*Construction.*

Bisect the radius  $eE$  in  $g$ , and the absciss AC in  $f$ ; draw the perpendicular  $Ar$  equal to  $fg$ ; make  $rn = Af$ ; and on the point  $n$  erect the perpendicular  $nv$ , terminated by the right line  $er$ ; lastly, draw  $vT$  equal and parallel to  $nA$ : then will  $T$  be the point from which the Tangent to the point  $B$  must be drawn. For,  $rn = Af = \frac{1}{2}x$ , and  $rA = Ag - Af = \frac{3}{4}a - \frac{1}{2}x$ ; and by 4 E. 6.  $rA : Ae :: rn : nv$  or  $AT$ ; that is,  $\frac{3}{4}a - \frac{1}{2}x : \frac{1}{2}a :: \frac{1}{2}x : \frac{ax}{3a - 2x} = AT$ .

EXAMPLE VIII.

35. To draw a *Tangent* to the *Cycloid*\*. Fig. 18.

Put  $OA$  the radius of the generating circle  $= a$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ ,  $CG = s$ ,

\* This curve is thus generated:—Let a circle roll along upon a right line until it performs one revolution, that is, until it measures out a right line equal to its circumference; then, that point in the circle which first touched the right line will describe the curve called a *Cycloid*; which curve, it is supposed, was first invented by Cardinal *Cusanus*; whose works, in which this figure is found, were transcribed by *J. Scoblant*, in the year 1451.

and the arch  $AG = z$ . Now, by the nature of the curve,  $CB = CG + \text{arch } GA$ ; that is,  $y = s + z$ ; (for, when the semicircle  $AGF$ , generating the semicycloid  $ABD$ , is in the position  $BRK$ , the arch  $BR$  or  $GF$  must evidently be equal to  $RD$ ; and the arch  $RK$  or  $BM$  or  $GA$  be equal to  $RF$  or  $tC$ ; but  $CG$  is  $= tB$ , and therefore  $Ct = GB$ : consequently, arch  $GA = GB$ ; and therefore, &c.) and the Fluxion of this equation of the curve is  $\dot{y} = \dot{s} + \dot{z}$ . Let  $cg$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $CG$ , and  $Gn$  equal and parallel to  $Cc$ ; that is, let  $Gg = z'$ ,  $gn = s'$ , and  $nG = Cc = x'$ : then, supposing  $Gg$  to be a little right line perpendicular to the radius  $GO$ , the angles  $gGn$  and  $OGC$  will be equal; for, if to either of them the angle  $OGn$  be added, the sum will be a right angle; and therefore, the right angled triangles  $gnG$  and  $OCG$  are alike: consequently, by 4 E. 6.  $gn : nG :: OC : CG$ ; that is,  $s' : x' :: a - x : s$ ;  $\therefore s' = \frac{a-x}{s} x'$ , or (art. 7.)  $\dot{s} = \frac{a-x}{s} \dot{x}$ ; and,  $gG : Gn :: OG : GC$ ; that is,  $z' : x' :: a : s$ ;  $\therefore z' = \frac{a}{s} x'$ , or,  $\dot{z} = \frac{a}{s} \dot{x}$ . Now, by substituting  $\frac{a-x}{s} \dot{x}$  for  $\dot{s}$ , and  $\frac{a}{s} \dot{x}$  for  $\dot{z}$ , in the above Fluxion of the equation of the curve, we have  $\dot{y} = \frac{a-x}{s} \dot{x} + \frac{a}{s} \dot{x} = \frac{2a-x}{s} \dot{x}$ ; and this substituted for  $\dot{y}$ , makes the Subtangent  $CT (= \frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}, \text{ art. 25.}) = \frac{sy}{2a-x}$ .



Construction.

Draw the chord or right line AG, and parallel to it draw TB: then will TB be a Tangent to the curve at the point B. For, the triangles FCG and BCT are similar; therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $FC : CG :: BC : CT$ , that is,  $2a - x : s :: y : \frac{sy}{2a - x} = CT$ .

Or,

Draw the right line EG perpendicular to the radius GO and equal to GB; and through the point E draw the right line TB: then will the said line TB be a Tangent to the curve at the point B. For, let  $gb$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to GB; then, because the arch  $AG = GB = gv$ , and the arch  $AG + Gg = gv + vb$ ; therefore  $Gg$  or  $Bv = vb$ ; consequently, if we suppose  $Gg$  to be a little right line perpendicular to the radius OG or coinciding with the right line EG produced, and  $Bv$  to be a little right line parallel to it, and also  $Bb$  to be a little right line coinciding with a Tangent to the curve at the point B, the triangles  $bvB$  and  $BGE$  will be similar: therefore, &c.

EXAMPLE IX.

36. To draw a Tangent to the Curve AB, whose Fig. Equation (putting  $GC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ , and  $a = 19$ . a given quantity more than 1,) is  $a^x = y$ .

Put  $A =$  the Hyperbolic Logarithm of  $a$ , and  $Y =$  the Hyperbolic Logarithm of  $y$ ; then, by the

nature of Logarithms,  $x A. = Y$ ; the Fluxion which equation is  $\dot{x} A = Y$  — (by *art.* 21.)  $\frac{\dot{y}}{y}$ , which divided by  $A$ , makes  $\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{y}}{A y}$ ; and this substituted for  $\dot{x}$  makes the Subtangent  $CT (= \frac{\dot{x} y}{\dot{y}}$ , *art.* 25.)  $= \frac{y}{A y} = \frac{1}{A}$ . Whence we may observe, that, the Subtangent being an invariable quantity, the Curve  $AB$  is the *Logarithmic Curve*, whose Asymptote is  $GF$  \*.

37. HITHERTO we have treated only of Curves referred to an axis; or, of those whose ordinates are parallel to one another; We shall therefore now proceed to the drawing of Tangents to *Spirals*; or, to those Curves whose ordinates issue from one and the same fixed Point: Where *note*, the ordinate and subtangent are always perpendicular to each other.

Fig.  
20.

38. SUPPOSE  $Cb$  indefinitely near to  $CB$ ; that is, let the  $\angle BCb$  be supposed indefinitely small; and with the ordinate  $CB$ , as a radius, let the indefinitely small arch  $Bn$  be described; which being considered as a little right-line perpendicular to  $Cb$ , and the indefinitely small part of the curve  $Bb$  as coinciding with a Tangent to it at the point  $B$ ; then, because the  $\angle BCb$  is indefinitely small,

\* This Curve is thus generated:—In the indefinite right line  $GF$ , make  $GK = KC = CF$ , &c. and the perpendiculars  $GA$ ,  $KI$ ,  $CB$ ,  $FD$ , &c. in geometrical proportion continued: then a curve drawn through the points  $A$ ,  $I$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , &c. will be the *Logarithmic Curve*; which is so called, because the distances  $GK$ ,  $GC$ ,  $GF$ , &c. being in arithmetical progression, are as the Logarithms of the ordinates  $KI$ ,  $CB$ ,  $FD$ , &c.

the  $\Delta s$   $bnB$  and  $BCT$  will be indefinitely near to similarity; that is, in the very first moment of the existence of the  $\Delta bnB$ , the said  $\Delta$  may be considered as similar to the  $\Delta BCT$ ; therefore, if we put the ordinate  $CB = y$ ,  $Bn = x'$ , and  $nb = y'$ , by 4 E. 6. we shall have  $y' : x' :: y : CT$ ; that is, (art. 7.)  $\dot{y} : \dot{x} :: y : CT$ ;  $\therefore CT = \frac{xy}{\dot{y}}$ ; which is the same General Expression for the Subtangent as that before found for curves referred to an Axis, art. 25.

Or, Let the indefinite right line  $CZ$  turn like the radius of a circle, round the fixed point or centre  $C$  with an uniform motion; and, at the same time, let a point moving along thereon, generate, or move with such degrees of velocity as always to be in the Curve  $CBY$ , to which suppose the right line  $TG$  a Tangent at the point  $B$ ; also, let  $Bm$  be a Tangent to the circular arch  $DBn$  described with the ordinate  $CB$  as a radius. Now, when the point generating the curve  $CY$  arrives at  $B$ , if it was to continue on in the same direction, with an uniform motion, and the same degree of velocity that it arrives thereat, it would move along the Tangent  $TB$  produced, or right line  $BG$ ; which right line would always be as the Fluxion of the Spiral at the point  $B$ : So likewise, if we suppose a point to move from  $B$ , in the same direction, and with the same uniform motion, that the point generating the circular arch  $DBn$  arrives at  $B$ , it would move along the Tangent or right line  $Bm$  perpendicular to the ordinate or radius  $CB$ ; which right line would always be as the Fluxion of the said arch at the point  $B$ : And,



since the direction of the point moving from C to Z is always perpendicular to that of the point generating the circular arch  $Dn$ ; therefore, when the point moving from B to G arrives at G, if  $Gm$  be parallel to  $ZC$ , the point moving along  $Bm$  will be arrived at  $m$ ; and therefore,  $mG$  will be as the Fluxion of the ordinate at the point B. Hence, because the  $\Delta$ s  $GmB$  and  $BCT$  are similar, by 4 E. 6.  $Gm : mB :: BC : CT$ ; that is, the Fluxion of the ordinate  $CB$ : the Fluxion of the arch  $DB ::$  the ordinate  $CB$ : the subtangent  $CT$ ; or, (putting the arch  $DB = x$ , and the ordinate  $CB = y$ ),  $\dot{y} : x :: y : \frac{xy}{y} = CT$ ; as before.

## EXAMPLE I.

Fig.  
21.

39. To draw a *Tangent* to the *Spiral* of *Archimides* \*.

Put the circumference of the generating circle  $AFA = a$ , and its radius  $CA = b$ ; ordinate  $CB = y$ , arch  $ARF = z$ ; and with the ordinate  $CB$ , as a radius, let the circular arch  $Bn$  be described, which put  $= x$ . Now, by the generation of the curve,  $a : b :: z : y$ ,

\* This Curve is thus generated:—With the radius  $CA$ , let the circle  $AFA$  be described with an equable motion, or the point  $A$  describe equal arches in equal times; and, at the same moment of time that the point  $A$  begins to generate the circle, let another point begin to move along the said radius from  $C$  towards  $A$ , and to pass over it with an uniform motion, and such velocity that it may arrive at  $A$  at the very same moment of time that the said radius shall have described the circle, or come to be in its first situation: then will the point moving along the radius  $CA$ , generate, or describe, the curve  $CBA$ , called a *Spiral*; the invention of which is attributed to *Archimedes*.



or  $a:b::z:y, \therefore z = \frac{ay}{b}$ . But, it is evident, the velocity of the point generating the circle is to the velocity with which the point B generates the arch Bn as CF is to CB; that is,  $z:x::b:y, \therefore z = \frac{bx}{y}$ . Hence we have  $\frac{bx}{y} = \frac{ay}{b}$ ; therefore,  $b^2x = ayy$ , and  $x = \frac{ayy}{b^2}$ , which substituted for  $x$  in the general expression for the Subtangent,  $\frac{xy}{y}$ , (art. 38.) makes the Subtangent  $CT = \frac{ay^2}{b^2} =$  (because  $a:b::z:y$ , or  $ay = bz$ ,)  $\frac{byz}{b^2} = \frac{yz}{b}$ .

*Construction.*

With the ordinate CB; as a radius, describe the circular arch BD; and draw the right line CT perpendicular to the radius CF and equal to the arch DB: then will T be the point from which the Tangent to the point B must be drawn. For, the sectors CFBA and CBD are similar; and consequently,  $CF:FA::CB:BD$ ; that is,  $b:z::y:BD = \frac{yz}{b} = CT$ .

EXAMPLE II.

40. To draw a Tangent to the *Logarithmic Spiral* \*.

Fig.

Put the curve  $CdB = z$ , and its correspondent ordinate  $CB = y$ . Suppose the angles  $eCB$  and

\* This Curve is thus generated:—In the circle AFA, whose centre is C, let any arches AD, DE, EF, FG, GH, &c. be

BCb to be indefinitely small and equal; and with the ordinate CB, as a radius, describe the circular arch Bn. Now, by the generation of the curve,  $Ce : CB :: CB : CB$ ; and therefore, if we consider the little parts of the curve, eB and Bb, as indefinitely little right lines, by 6 E. 6. the triangles CeB and CBb will be similar, or the angle made by the curve and ordinate be always the same: Consequently, the increments of the ordinate and curve are always in an invariable ratio to each other, or as two fixed quantities  $a$  and  $b$ ; that is,  $nb : bB :: a : b$ ; and therefore, if we suppose Bn to be a little right line perpendicular to Cb, by 47 E. 1.

$bn : nB :: a : \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; that is, (putting  $Bn = x'$ , and  $nb = y'$ ,)  $y' : x' :: a : \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , or, (*art. 7.*)

$\dot{y} : \dot{x} :: a : \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;  $\therefore \dot{x} = \dot{y} \times \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a}$ ; which being substituted for  $\dot{x}$  in the general expression for the Subtangent, viz.  $\frac{xy}{\dot{y}}$ , *art. 38.* makes the

sought Subtangent  $CT = y \times \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a}$ .

made equal to each other,; and the right lines Cd, Ce, CB, Cb, Ch, &c. in geometrical proportion continued: then, a line drawn through the points h, b, B, e, d, &c. will be the curve called a *Logarithmic Spiral*; which name is given to it, because the arches AD, AE, AF, &c. being in arithmetical progression, are as the Logarithms of the ordinates Cd, Ce, CB, &c.

*Scholium.*

As no geometrical series can, strictly speaking, terminate in 0: so the *Spiral* B e d. &c. though it continually tends towards the centre C, can never absolutely arrive thereat; but will approach it within any distance that can be assigned.

Scholium.

We may observe, that, (because by 47 E. 1.  
 $TB^2 = BC^2 + CT^2 = y^2 + \frac{b^2 - a^2}{a^2} y^2 =$   
 $\frac{b^2 y^2}{a^2}$ ;) the Tangent TB is  $= y \times \frac{b}{a}$ ; and conse-  
 quently, the Tangent and Subtangent are to each  
 other as  $b$  to  $\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Again, because  $nb : bB :: a :$   
 $b$ , that is, (*art. 7.*)  $y : z :: a : b$ ; therefore, (*art. 12.*)  
 $y : z :: a : b$ ; or, the ordinate and curve are always  
 in a given or fixed ratio to each other; and there-  
 fore  $z = y \times \frac{b}{a}$ . So that the Tangent TB  
 and Curve  $CdB$  are equal; and sine  $\angle BTC :$   
 radius  $:: a : b$ , or, s.  $\angle BTC = a$ , and rad.  
 (s.  $\angle BCT$ )  $= b$ .

EXAMPLE III\*.

41. To draw a *Tangent* to the *Spiral* CHBLA, *Fig.*  
 generated by a point moving uniformly along 23,  
 the semicircle CDA, from C to A, while the 24.  
 said semicircle makes one uniform revolution  
 round the point C as a center.

Let the point  $b$  be supposed indefinitely near to  
 $B$ ; and with the ordinate  $CB$ , as a radius, describe  
 the arch  $DBn$ . Put the radius of the generating  
 semicircle,  $EB = a$ , arch  $CRB = v$ , arch  $DB$   
 $= x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ ,  $Bb = v'$ , and  $bn = y'$ .  
 Now, because the circumferences of circles are as

\* Invented Anno 1756.



their radii, by the generation of the curve  $a : 2y$   
 $\therefore \dot{v} : \dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{v}}{a}$ ; and, because by 20 E. 3.  $\angle bEB$   
 $= 2 \angle BCb$ ,  $a : y :: v' : 2 Bn$ ,  $\therefore Bn =$   
 $\frac{y v'}{2a}$ ; but, by 47 E. 1. (supposing  $Bb$  to be a  
 right line, and  $Bn$  a little right line perpendicular to  
 $Cb$ .)  $Bb^2 - bn^2 = nB^2$ , that is,  $v'^2 - y'^2 =$   
 $\frac{y^2 v'^2}{4a^2}$ ; from which equation we have  $v' =$   
 $\frac{2ay'}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}}$ ; that is, (art. 7.)  $\dot{v} = \frac{2a\dot{y}}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}}$ .  
 Hence,  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y}{a} \times \frac{2a\dot{y}}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}} = \frac{4y\dot{y}}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}}$ ;  
 which substituted for  $\dot{x}$ , makes  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$ , the general  
 expression for the Subtangent  $CT$  (art. 38.)  $=$   
 $\frac{y}{\dot{y}} \times \frac{4y\dot{y}}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}} = \frac{4y^2}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y'^2}}$ .

*Corollary.*

Since  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{v}}{a}$ , that is,  $x' = \frac{2yv'}{a}$ ; and  $Bn =$   
 $\frac{yv'}{2a}$ : therefore,  $x' = 4 Bn$ .

*Construction.*

Draw the chord  $BG$ , which bisect in  $F$ ; and  
 to the point  $F$  draw the right line  $CF$ ; produce



the chord or ordinate CB to I, making  $IB = BC$ ; also, draw the right line IT, making the angle  $CIT =$  the angle  $CFB$ : then will T be the point from which the Tangent to the point B must be drawn. For, by 31 E. 3. the angle CBG is right, and therefore the right angled triangles FBC and ICT are similar; wherefore, by 4 E. 6.  $BF : BC :: IC : CT$ ; that is, (because by 47 E. 1.  $BG = \sqrt{GC^2 - CB^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and therefore  $BF = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,)  $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : y :: 2y : \frac{4y^2}{\sqrt{4a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = CT$ .

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#### CHAPTER IV.

*Of finding the Maxima and Minima, or Greatest and Least of variable Quantities.*

42. A *Maximum* is the greatest magnitude of a variable Quantity, which naturally increases before it arrives at that magnitude and as naturally decreases afterwards; and a *Minimum* is the least magnitude of a variable Quantity, which naturally decreases before it arrives at that magnitude, and afterwards as naturally increases. Therefore, at that certain term where a Quantity becomes a Maximum or a Minimum, it can neither be increasing nor decreasing; and consequently, its Fluxion is  $= 0$ .

*Fig.* 25. Thus, in the triangle AEF, let the equal and parallel sides AC and DB of the inscribed and flowing rectangle CD be continually increasing while the other equal and parallel sides AD and CB are continually decreasing; that is, let the said rectangle be increased by the motion of the variable and decreasing side CB, and decreased by the motion of the variable and increasing side DB. Then, it is evident, that, while the rectangle is increasing faster, or with a greater degree of velocity, by the motion of the line CB, than it is decreasing by the motion of the line DB, it will be continually increasing; and that, when it is decreasing faster, or with a greater degree of velocity, by the motion of the line DB, than it is increasing by the motion of the line CB, it will be continually decreasing: therefore, when these two degrees of velocity become equal, the rectangle will be a Maximum; and be neither increasing nor decreasing; or, the Velocity or Fluxion with which it is decreasing subtracted from the Velocity or Fluxion with which it is increasing, leaves the Velocity or Fluxion with which it flows = 0. And, it being manifest, that, when the rectangle CD becomes a Maximum, the sum of the triangles FDB and BCE will be a Minimum; therefore, when the sum of the said triangles is a Minimum, the Fluxion of the increasing triangle FDB will be equal to the Fluxion of the decreasing triangle ECB; and therefore, the Fluxion of the latter subtracted from that of the former, gives the Fluxion of the Minimum = 0.

43. When any Quantity is a Maximum or a Minimum, all the Affirmative Powers of it will

be so too: as will also the Sum, Remainder, Product or Quotient, arising from its being added to, subtracted from, multiplied or divided by, any invariable or given quantity. But any Negative\* Power of a Maximum will be a Minimum; and any Negative Power of a Minimum will be a Maximum.

Thus, (1°.) if  $a - b + \frac{c}{d} \times \sqrt{ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  be a Maximum, then will  $ax - x^2$  be also a Maximum. And, (2°.) if  $\left( \frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2 \right)^{-1}$  be a Maximum, then will  $\frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2$  or  $\frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + x^2$  be a Minimum.

For (1°.) it is evident, that, the greater  $ax - x^2$  is, the greater will be  $a - b + \frac{c}{d} \times \sqrt{ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

and therefore, when One of these expressions is a Maximum, the other will be a Maximum also. And (2°.) since (Art. 13.)

$$\left( \frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2 \right)^{-1} \text{ is } = \frac{1}{\frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2},$$

it is plain, that, the less the denominator of this fractional expression is, the greater will be the quotient; but the said denominator is evidently the

\* By an affirmative power, is meant that whose Index is affirmative; and, by a negative power, that whose Index is negative.



the least possible when  $\frac{a^2 c^2}{x^2} + x^2$  is a Minimum.—

Therefore, &c.

44. WHEN in the expression for the Fluxion of a Maximum or a Minimum there are two or more *fluxionary* letters, and each is contained in both affirmative and negative terms; then, the sum of the terms affected with either of them will be  $= 0$ .

Thus, if the Fluxion of a Minimum be  $\frac{1}{2} a \dot{x} - \dot{x} y + x \dot{y} - \frac{1}{2} b \dot{y} = 0$ ; then  $\frac{1}{2} a \dot{x} - \dot{x} y = 0$ , and  $x \dot{y} - \frac{1}{2} b \dot{y} = 0$ .

For, let the variable rectangle CD, whose diagonal is AB, flow in the triangle EAF. Put FA  $= a$ , AE  $= b$ , AC or DB  $= x$ , and CB or AD  $= y$ . Then will the triangle FAB be  $= \frac{1}{2} a x$ , the triangle AEB be  $= \frac{1}{2} b y$ , and the rectangle CD be  $= x y$ ; and therefore, the sum of the triangles FDB and BCE will be  $= \frac{1}{2} a x - x y + \frac{1}{2} b y$ ; which, when the rectangle CD or  $x y$  is a Maximum, is evidently a Minimum. Now, it is plain, if  $x$  increases  $y$  must decrease, and therefore, (*art.* 22.) their Fluxions are negative to each other, and the Fluxion of the said Minimum is  $\frac{1}{2} a \dot{x} - \dot{x} y + x \dot{y} - \frac{1}{2} b \dot{y} = 0$ , and the Fluxion of the said Maximum is  $x \dot{y} - \dot{x} y = 0$ , or, the Fluxion of the triangle ADB or ACB is  $\frac{1}{2} \dot{x} y - \frac{1}{2} x \dot{y} = 0$ ; but, the Fluxions of the triangles FAB and BAE are manifestly equal, since one increases as fast as the other decreases. Hence, therefore, (the Fluxion of the triangle ACB being  $= 0$ ,) the Fluxion of the triangle FAB is  $=$  the Fluxion of the triangle ECB; that is,  $\frac{1}{2} a \dot{x} = \dot{x} y$ , (*art.* 15. *demon.* 1<sup>o</sup>.) conse-



quently,  $\frac{1}{2}a\dot{x} - \dot{x}y = 0$ ; and therefore  $\dot{x}y - \frac{1}{2}\dot{b}\dot{y} = 0$ .

45. In plane Figures, it is, in effect, the same thing to find the *greatest* Area that can be contained under a *given* Perimeter, as to find a *given* Area under the *least* Perimeter.—It may also be observed, that, to find the *greatest* Solid that can be contained under a *given* Surface, is the same as to find a given Solid under the least Surface.

46. Generally, when a variable quantity admits of a Maximum, its Minimum is Nothing; and, when it admits of a Minimum, its Maximum is Infinite.

### EXAMPLE I.

47. To find the Point C in the given right line *Fig. 3* AB, where the rectangle of the parts AC and CB is a *Maximum*, or greater than any other rectangle  $An \times nB$ .

Put  $AB = a$ , and  $AC = x$ ; then  $CB = a - x$ , and therefore the rectangle  $AC \times CB = x \times a - x = ax - x^2 = a$  Maximum. Now, the Fluxion of a Maximum being  $= 0$ , the Fluxion of  $ax - x^2$  must be  $= 0$ ; that is,  $a\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x} = 0$ ; which divided by  $\dot{x}$ , makes  $a - 2x = 0$ ; therefore,  $a = 2x$ , and  $x = \frac{1}{2}a$ . Consequently, the rectangle of the parts AC and CB is a Maximum, or the greatest possible, when the said parts are equal.

Or, Put  $AC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then  $AC \times CB = xy = a$  Maximum. Now, it is evident, that, if  $x$  increases  $y$  must decrease; and therefore the Fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$  are negative to each other;

and consequently, when  $xy$  is a Maximum, the Fluxion of it will be  $\dot{x}y - x\dot{y} = 0$ : but, it is likewise evident, that, the increment of  $x$  is equal to the decrement of  $y$ ; or, that the velocity with which  $x$  increases is equal to the velocity with which  $y$  decreases; that is,  $\dot{x} = \dot{y}$ : therefore, by dividing by  $\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{y}$ , or by striking both  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  out, in the above Fluxion of the Maximum  $xy$ , we shall have  $y - x = 0$ ; and therefore  $x = y$ ; as before.

Or, In the variable rectangle  $Ab$ , let the side  $Cb$ , which is equal and parallel to the side  $AD$ , always be equal to  $CB$ : then, while the rectangle is increasing by the motion of the decreasing side  $Cb$  moving from  $A$  towards  $B$ , it will be decreasing by the motion of the increasing side  $bD$  moving from  $F$  towards  $A$ . Now, since the velocities of the points  $C$  and  $D$ , or the Fluxions of the sides  $AC$  and  $AD$ , are always equal, (as they evidently must be, because the sum of these sides is always the same;) therefore, as long as the side  $AC$  continues less than the side  $AD$  or  $Cb$ , the rectangle will be continually increasing; and after the side  $AC$  becomes equal to the side  $Cb$ , it will be continually decreasing: therefore, when the rectangle is a Maximum, or when it is neither increasing nor decreasing, the sides  $AC$  and  $Cb$  are equal to each other, or  $AC = Cb = CB$ ; as before.

Or, Describe the semicircle  $AbB$ , and let fall the perpendicular  $bC$ . Now, by 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CB = Cb^2$ ; and therefore  $AC \times CB$  is a Maximum when  $bC$  is the radius of the semicircle, or when the point  $C$  bisects  $AB$ ; as before.

EXAMPLE II.

48. To find the point C in the given right line AB, where  $AC^m \times CB^n$  is a *Maximum*.

Put  $AB = a$ , and  $AC = x$ ; then  $CB = a - x$ ,  
and  $AC^m \times CB^n = x^m \times \overline{a - x}^n = \overline{x^{\frac{m}{n}} \times a - x^n}$   
= a Maximum; therefore, (*art.* 43.)  $x^{\frac{m}{n}} \times \overline{a - x}$   
= a Maximum; that is, (putting  $\frac{m}{n} = e$ ,)  $x^e \times$   
 $\overline{a - x} = ax^e - x^{e+1}$  = a Maximum; the Fluxion  
of which is = 0; that is,  $ae x^{e-1} \dot{x} - \overline{e+1} x^e \dot{x} = 0$   
Now, by dividing this equation by  $x^{e-1} \dot{x}$ , we have  
 $ae - \overline{e+1} x = 0$ ; therefore,  $ae = \overline{e+1} x$ , and  
 $x = \frac{ae}{e+1}$ ; that is, by restitution, or writing  $\frac{m}{n}$   
for  $e$ ,  $x = \frac{m}{m+n} a$ : whence the point C is deter-  
mined.

Or, Put  $AC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then  $x^m \times y^n =$   
a Maximum; the Fluxion of which is = 0; that  
is, (because when  $x$  increases  $y$  decreases, or the  
Fluxions of  $x^m$  and  $y^n$  are negative to each other,)  
 $m x^{m-1} \dot{x} \times y^n - n y^{n-1} \dot{y} \times x^m = 0$ : but, the Fluxions  
of  $x$  and  $y$  are evidently equal; therefore, throw  
both  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  out; then it will be  $m x^{m-1} \times y^n -$   
 $n y^{n-1} \times x^m = 0$ . Now, by dividing this equation by  
 $x^{m-1} y^{n-1}$ , we have  $my - nx = 0$ ; therefore,  $nx =$   
 $my$ , and  $m : n :: x : y$ . So that the segments AC



and CB are in direct proportion to the indices of their powers; and  $x = \frac{m}{n}y = \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{a-x}{1} = \frac{ma-mx}{n}$ ; therefore,  $nx = ma-mx$ , and  $x = \frac{m}{m+n} a$ ; as before.

## EXAMPLE III.

49. To find the *greatest* Cone that can be inscribed in a given Sphere.

Fig.  
27.

Put AD, the diameter of the Sphere,  $= a$ ; .78539, &c. (the area of a circle whose diameter is 1,)  $= c$ ; and AC, the altitude of the cone,  $= x$ ; then  $CD = a-x$ . Now, by 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CD = CB^2$ ; that is,  $x \times a-x = ax-x^2 = CB^2$ ; therefore, (because the square of the diameter is 4 times the square of the radius,) by 2 E. 12.  $4acx-4cx^2 =$  the area of the cone's base; which, by 10 E. 12, drawn into  $\frac{1}{3}x$ , is  $\frac{4}{3}acx^2-\frac{4}{3}cx^3 =$  the cone's solidity, a Maximum: therefore, by art. 43.  $ax^2-x^3 =$  a Maximum; the Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $2ax\dot{x}-3x^2\dot{x} = 0$ ; which divided by  $x\dot{x}$ , gives  $2a-3x = 0$ ; therefore,  $3x = 2a$ , and  $x = \frac{2}{3}a$ . So that, the cone will be a Maximum, or the greatest possible, when its altitude is  $=$  two-thirds of the sphere's diameter.



EXAMPLE IV.

50. To find the internal dimensions of a cylindrical Cup, whose capacity is given  $= a$ , when the said Cup is made with the *least* possible quantity of Silver of a given thickness.

Put the diameter  $= x$ , and .78539, &c. (the area of a circle whose diameter is 1;)  $= c$ ; then, by 2 E. 12.  $cx^2 =$  the area of the bottom, and therefore  $\frac{a}{cx^2} =$  the altitude: but,  $4cx =$  the cir-

cumference of the bottom, and therefore  $4cx \times \frac{a}{cx^2} = \frac{4a}{x} =$  the inside curve superficies. Hence  $cx^2$

$+ \frac{4a}{x} =$  the whole inside superficies; which, be-

cause the quantity of silver is the least possible, is a Minimum; and therefore its Fluxion is  $= 0$ ;

that is,  $2cx\dot{x} - \frac{4a\dot{x}}{x^2} = 0$ ; which multiplied by  $x^2$ , is

$2cx^3\dot{x} - 4a\dot{x} = 0$ ; and this divided by  $2\dot{x}$ , is  $cx^3$   
 $- 2a = 0$ ; therefore,  $cx^3 = 2a$ , and  $x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{2a}{c}}$

$=$  the diameter; which substituted for  $x$ , makes the

$$\text{above } \frac{a}{cx^2} = \frac{a}{c \times \left(\frac{2a}{c}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{a \times \left(\frac{2a}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{c \times \frac{2a}{c}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{2a}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} =$$

the altitude. So that the diameter is to the altitude as 2 to 1.

Or, Put the diameter  $= x$ , altitude  $= y$ , and .78539 &c.  $= c$ ; then the whole inside superficies will be  $= cx^2 + 4cxy = a$  Minimum; therefore (*art.* 43.)  $x^2 + 4xy = a$  Minimum; the Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is, (supposing  $x$  to increase and  $y$  to decrease, or the Fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$  to be negative to each other, as they evidently must be,)  $2x\dot{x} + 4\dot{x}y - 4x\dot{y} = 0$ . But,  $cx^2y = a$ , and consequently  $x^2y = \frac{a}{c}$ ; the Fluxion of which equation,

(because the Fluxion of  $\frac{a}{c}$  is  $= 0$ ; and the Fluxion

of  $y$  is negative,) is  $2x\dot{x}y - x^2\dot{y} = 0$ ; therefore  $x^2\dot{y} = 2x\dot{x}y$ ; which equation divided by  $x^2$ , makes  $\dot{y} = \frac{2\dot{x}y}{x}$ . Hence, this value of  $\dot{y}$  being substituted for

it in the above Fluxion of the Minimum, we have  $2x\dot{x} + 4\dot{x}y - 8\dot{x}y = 0$ ; that is,  $2x\dot{x} - 4\dot{x}y = 0$ ; which equation divided by  $2\dot{x}$ , gives  $x - 2y = 0$ ; consequently  $x = 2y$ ; as before.

#### EXAMPLE V.

51. To find the internal dimensions of a Cistern in the form of a rectangular solid, (that is, whose bottom and all four sides are rectangular, when its capacity is  $= a$ , and it is made with the *least* possible quantity of Lead of a given thickness.

*Fig.* Put the inside length AC or DB  $= x$ , breadth  
28. AD or CB  $= y$ , and depth BF or CE  $= z$ ; then,

$xyz = a$ , and therefore,  $z = \frac{a}{yz}$ . Now, the inside superficies of the bottom and four sides is  $= AC \times CB + 2AC \times CE + 2CB \times BF = xy + 2xz + 2yz =$  (by substituting  $\frac{a}{yz}$  for  $x$ ,)  $\frac{a}{z} + \frac{2a}{y} + 2yz$ ; which because the cistern is made with the least possible quantity of lead, is a Minimum; and therefore its Fluxion is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $-\frac{a\dot{z}}{z^2} - \frac{2a\dot{y}}{y^2} + 2\dot{y}z + 2y\dot{z} = 0$ . Now, (*art.* 44.) the sum of the terms affected with  $\dot{y}$  is  $= 0$ , and the sum of the terms affected with  $\dot{z}$  is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $-\frac{2a\dot{y}}{y^2} + 2\dot{y}z = 0$ , and  $-\frac{a\dot{z}}{z^2} + 2y\dot{z} = 0$ ; the former of which equations multiplied by  $y^2$ , gives  $-2a\dot{y} + 2y^2\dot{y}z = 0$ , and this divided by  $2\dot{y}$ , is  $-a + y^2z = 0$ ,  $\therefore y^2z = a = xyz$ , therefore,  $y = x$ : and the latter of the said equations multiplied by  $z^2$ , gives  $-a\dot{z} + 2yz^2\dot{z} = 0$ ; which divided by  $\dot{z}$ , is  $-a + 2yz^2 = 0$ ,  $\therefore 2yz^2 = a = xyz$ , therefore,  $2z = x$ . Hence,  $x = y = 2z$ ; that is, the length and breadth will be equal, and each equal to twice the depth.

Or, The length, breadth, and depth, being  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , respectively; and the inside superficies  $= xy + 2xz + 2yz = a$  Minimum, as before; if we suppose  $x$  and  $y$  to increase, then  $z$  must necessarily decrease; that is, the Fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$  being affirmative, the Fluxion of  $z$  will be negative; and therefore, the Fluxion of the Minimum will be  $\dot{x}y + x\dot{y} + 2\dot{x}z - 2x\dot{z} + 2\dot{y}z - 2y\dot{z} = 0$ . But,  $xyz = a$ , the Fluxion of which equation, (the Fluxion of  $a$  being  $= 0$ , and the Fluxion of  $z$  being negative,) is  $\dot{x}yz + x\dot{y}z - xy\dot{z} = 0$ ;  $\therefore \dot{z} = \frac{\dot{x}yz + x\dot{y}z}{xy} = \frac{\dot{x}z}{x} +$

the same time: but, the little triangle  $Bnb$  is (or may be taken as) similar to the right angled triangle  $CAB$ ; (for, the arch  $Bn$ . being indefinitely small, may be considered as a little right line perpendicular to  $Cb$ ; so likewise, the angle  $BCb$  being indefinitely little, the angle  $CbA$  or  $nbB$  may be considered as equal to the angle  $CBA$ ; and therefore the angle  $bBn$  as equal to the angle  $BCA$ ;) consequently, by 4 E. 6.  $d : c :: CB : BA$ ; but, when the hypotenuse and perpendicular are  $d$  and  $c$ , the base, by 47 E. 1. will be  $\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence,

therefore,  $\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : (CA) \ b :: c : \frac{bc}{\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = AB$ ; as before.

### *Construction.*

Through  $C$  draw  $mv$  parallel to  $AD$ , making  $Cv = d + c$ . and  $Cm = d - c$ ; describe the semicircle  $mkv$ ; on the intersecting point  $k$  erect the perpendicular  $kr = c$ ; and through  $r$  draw the right line  $CB$ : then will  $B$  be the point required.

For, by 35 E. 3.  $\sqrt{vC \times Cm}^{\frac{1}{2}} = Ck$ , that is,  $\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = Ck$ ; and, by 4 E. 6.  $Ck : kr :: CA$ ;

$AB$ , that is,  $\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : c :: b : \frac{bc}{\sqrt{d^2 - c^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = AB$ .



EXAMPLE VII.

53. Let the triangle BAD have one angle A in *Fig.*  
the right line CE : To find a *Maximum* of the 30.  
Sum of the perpendiculars BC and DE let fall  
from the other two angles on the right line  
afore said.

*Note*,  $AB = a$ ,  $AD = b$ , and the  $\angle BAD = 90^\circ$ .

Put  $AC = x$ ; then, by 47 E. 1.  $CB = \sqrt{BA^2 - AC^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now, because the  $\angle BAD$  is right, the  $\angle DAE$  is the complement of the  $\angle BAC$ , and is therefore  $= \angle ABC$ ; consequently the triangles BAC and ADE are similar; and therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $BA : AC :: AD : DE$ ,

that is,  $a : x :: b : \frac{bx}{a} = DE$ . Hence we have  $BC$

$$+ DE = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{bx}{a} = \text{a Maximum; the}$$

Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $\frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\times - 2x\dot{x} + \frac{b\dot{x}}{a} = 0, \text{ that is, } -\frac{x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{b\dot{x}}{a}$$

$= 0$ ; which multiplied by  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times a$ , gives

$$-ax\dot{x} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} b\dot{x} = 0; \text{ therefore, by transposition and dividing by } \dot{x}, \text{ we have } ax =$$

$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} b$ ; by involution  $a^2 x^2 = a^2 b^2 - b^2 x^2$ ;

consequently,  $a^2 x^2 + b^2 x^2 = a^2 b^2$ , and  $x^2 =$

$$\frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2}; \text{ therefore, } x = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \text{ which substi-}$$

tuted for  $x$ , makes the Maximum  $BC + DE (= \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{bx}{a}) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{BA^2 + AD^2}$ ,

that is, by 47 E. 1.  $BC + DE =$  the hypothenuse  $BD$ .

Or, Produce  $BA$  to  $b$ , making  $bA = AB$ ; draw the right line  $bD$ ; and perpendicular to  $CE$  draw  $bc$ ; then will the triangles  $Abc$  and  $ABC$  be equal and similar, for  $bc$  is equal and parallel to  $BC$ . Now, it is evident, that, the line  $bD$ , in every situation, will be greater than the sum of the perpendiculars  $bc$  and  $DE$ , excepting when it is perpendicular to the line  $CE$ ; and that then the said perpendiculars will coincide with, and their sum be equal to, it. Therefore, the Maximum of the sum of the perpendiculars  $bc$  and  $DE$ , or of  $BC$  and  $DE$ , is equal to the side  $bD$  of the triangle  $AbD$ ; which, when the  $\angle bAD$  or  $BAD$  is right, is equal to  $BD$ ; as before.

### EXAMPLE VIII.

54. To find the *greatest* right-angled Triangle  $ACB$  that can be inscribed in the given Quadrant  $AEF$ ; the right angle being formed by the sine and cosine  $BC$  and  $CA$ .

Fig. Put the radius or hypothenuse  $AB = a$ , and

31.  $AC = x$ ; then, by 47 E. 1.  $CB = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ ; therefore, the area of the triangle  $= \frac{1}{2} x \times \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{4} a^2 x^2 - \frac{1}{4} x^4$  is a Maximum; consequently, (art. 43.)  $a^2 x^2 - x^4 =$  a Maximum; the Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is,

$2ax\dot{x} - 4x^3\dot{x} = 0$ ; which divided by  $2x\dot{x}$ , makes  $a^2 - 2x^2 = 0$ ; therefore  $x^2 = \frac{1}{2}a^2$ ; consequently  $AC = CB$ , and the point B bisects the quadrantal arch EF.

Or, Put  $AB = a$ ,  $AC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ ,  $EB = z$ ; and suppose the point  $b$  indefinitely near to B,  $bc$  parallel to BC, and  $Bn$  equal and parallel to Cc; that is, let  $Bn = x'$ , and  $Bb = z'$ . Now, if we consider the Increment  $Bb$  as a little right line perpendicular to the radius AB, the angles  $nBb$  and CBA will be equal, and consequently the indefinitely little right angled triangle  $Bnb$  will be similar to the right angled triangle BCA; therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $AB : BC :: bB : Bn$ , that is,  $a : y ::$

$$z' : x', \text{ or (art. 7.) } a : y :: \dot{z} : \dot{x}, \therefore \dot{z} = \frac{a\dot{x}}{y}.$$

But, when the triangle ACB is a Maximum, it is plain, that,  $AB \times \frac{1}{2}\dot{z}$  is  $= BC \times \dot{x}$ ; that is,

$$\frac{1}{2}a\dot{z} = y\dot{x}, \therefore \dot{z} = \frac{2y\dot{x}}{a} = (\text{by the above.}) \frac{a\dot{x}}{y};$$

whence,  $2y^2\dot{x} = a^2\dot{x}$ , and  $2y^2 = a^2 = x^2 + y^2$ . Therefore,  $x = y$ , or  $AC = CB$ ; as before.

Or, Suppose CD to be always perpendicular to AB. Now, it is evident, the Triangle will be the *greatest* when CD is a Maximum, that is, when it bisects AB, or is the radius of the circumscribing semicircle ACB; and then, it is plain,  $AC = CB$ ; as before.

## EXAMPLE IX.

Fig.  
32.

55. In the right line AE, which is perpendicular to the indefinite right line AZ, given  $AC=a$ , and  $CE=b$ : To find the point B, where the Angle CBE is a *Maximum*.

Put  $AE = a + b = c$ , and  $AB = x$ ; then, by 47 E. 1.  $CB = \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $EB = \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now, by Trigonometry,  $CB : \text{radius} :: AB : s. \angle ACB$  that is, (putting radius = 1,)  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : 1 :: x :$

$\frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = s. \angle ACB$  or  $ECB$ ; and  $EB : s. \angle$

$ECB :: EC : s. \angle CBE$ , that is,  $\sqrt{c^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :$

$\frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} :: b : \frac{bx}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = s. \angle CBE = \text{a Maximum}; \text{ therefore, (art. 43.)}$

$\frac{x^2}{a^2 + x^2 \times \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}} = \frac{1}{a^2 c^2 x^{-2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2} =$   
a Maximum; and  $a^2 c^2 x^{-2} + x^2 = \text{a Minimum};$   
the Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $-2a^2 c^2 x^{-3} \dot{x} + 2x\dot{x} = 0$ ; and this equation divided by  $2x\dot{x}$ , makes  $-a^2 c^2 x^{-4} + 1 = 0$ ; therefore  $1 =$   
 $a^2 c^2 x^{-4} = \frac{a^2 c^2}{x^4}$ , and  $x_4 = a^2 c^2$ , and  $x = ac^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

So that AB is a geometrical mean between the distances AC and AE; and therefore, by 6 E. 6. the triangles CAB and ABE are similar.



Or\*, (in any position of the line AZ,)—It is *Fig.* evident, that, as long as the angle BCE decreases <sup>32.</sup> faster than the angle BEC increases, the angle <sup>33.</sup> CBE will be increasing; and that, when the angle <sup>34.</sup> BEC increases faster than the angle BCE decreases, the angle CBE will be decreasing: therefore, when the said angle CBE is a Maximum, or when it neither increases nor decreases, the Fluxions of the angles at C and E will be equal; or, the Increment of the angle BEC will be equal to the Decrement of the angle BCE; that is, if we suppose the point *b* indefinitely near to B, the  $\angle BEb = \angle BCb$ : therefore, if with EB and CB, as radii, the arches *Bm* and *Bn* be described; then, because the circumferences of circles are as their radii,  $Bm : Bn :: EB : CB$ . Describe the circle BGA, whose diameter is AB; and in *fig.* 34. produce EB to G, and BC to I. Draw the right lines GA, AI, and IG. Then, in *fig.* 32. and 33. (by 21 E. 3.)  $\angle GAI = \angle GBI$  or EBC; and in *fig.* 34. (by 22 E. 3.)  $\angle GAI + \angle GBI = 180^\circ = \angle GBI + \angle EBI$ ; therefore in this *fig.* also,  $\angle GAI = \angle EBI$  or EBC. Now, if we suppose the arches *Bm* and *Bn* to be little right lines perpendicular to *Em* and *Cn* respectively, then may the triangles *bBm* and BAG be considered as similar, as may likewise the triangles *bBn* and BAI; (for, by 31 E. 3. the angles BGA and BIA are right; and, because the points *b* and B are presumed to be indefinitely near to each other, therefore the  $\angle EbA$  is indefinitely near to equality with the  $\angle EBA$ , and the  $\angle CbA$  with the  $\angle CBA$ ; &c.)

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that is, (putting radius = 1,)  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : 1 :: x :$

$\frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = s. \angle ACB \text{ or } ECB$ ; and  $EB : s. \angle$

$ECB :: EC : s. \angle CBE$ , that is,  $\sqrt{c^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :$

$\frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} :: b : \frac{bx}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = s. \angle$   
 $CBE = \text{a Maximum}$ ; therefore, (*art.* 43.)

$\frac{x^2}{a^2 + x^2 \times \sqrt{c^2 + x^2}} = \frac{1}{a^2 c^2 x^{-2} + a^2 + c^2 + x^2} =$

a Maximum; and  $a^2 c^2 x^{-2} + x^2 = \text{a Minimum}$ ;  
the Fluxion of which is  $= 0$ ; that is,  $-2a^2 c^2 x^{-3} \dot{x} + 2x\dot{x} = 0$ ; and this equation divided by  
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\* Invented Anno 1760.

wherefore, by 4 E. 6.  $bB : BA :: Bm : AG$ , and  $bB : BA :: Bn : AI : \therefore Bm : Bn :: AG : AI$ . Hence  $EB : CB :: AG : AI$ ; and therefore, by 6E. 6. the triangles  $EBC$  and  $GAI$  are alike, and the  $\angle AGI = \angle BEC$ : but, by 21 E. 3. the  $\angle AGI = \angle ABI$  or  $ABC$ ; therefore the  $\angle BEC = \angle ABC$ , and, consequently the triangles  $CAB$  and  $BAE$  are similar; wherefore, by 4 E. 6.  $CA : AB :: BA : AE$ ;  $\therefore AB = \sqrt{AC \times AE}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

### Construction.

Produce  $EA$  to  $K$ , making  $AK = AC$ ; describe the semicircle  $KE$ ; and in *fig. 33* and *34*, draw  $AQ$  perpendicular to the diameter  $EK$ , and make  $AB$  equal to  $AQ$ : then will  $B$  be the point required. For, by 35 E. 3.  $AQ = \sqrt{KA \times AE}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is,  $AB = \sqrt{AC \times AE}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

### EXAMPLE X.

*Fig. 35.* 56. Given the point  $C$  in the radius  $EA$  of the circle  $AB$ , &c. To find the point  $B$ , at which, if a tangent  $TB$  and right line  $CB$  be drawn to it, the Angle  $CBT$  is a *Minimum*.

Draw the radius  $EB$ . Now, because by 18 E. 3. the tangent to a circle is always perpendicular to the radius, it is evident, that the angle  $CBT$  will be the least possible when the angle  $CBE$  is the greatest: It is likewise evident, that, when the said angle  $CBE$  is the greatest possible, the Fluxions of the angles  $BCE$  and  $BEC$  will be equal; or, sup-



posing the point  $b$  indefinitely near to  $B$ ,  $\angle BCB' = \angle BEb$ ; and therefore, if with  $CB$ , as a radius, we describe the little circular arch  $Bn$ ; then,  $CB : Bn :: EB : Bb$ , or,  $CB : BE :: nB : Bb$ ; and consequently, by 6 E. 6. (because  $\angle CBn = \angle EBb$ , and therefore  $\angle CBE = nBb$ ), the triangles  $CBE$  and  $nBb$  are similar, and  $\angle ECB = \angle bnB =$  a right angle. Hence, when the angle  $CBE$  is a Maximum, or the angle  $CBT$  is a Minimum, the right line  $CB$  will be perpendicular to the radius  $EA$ .

Or, Because by Trigonometry  $EB : \text{fine } \angle BCE :: EC : \text{fine } \angle CBE$ ; therefore, the angle  $CBE$  will be the greatest when the angle  $ECB$  is a right one; but, when the angle  $CBE$  is the greatest, the angle  $CBT$  is the least possible: therefore, when the angle  $CBT$  is a Minimum, the right line  $CB$  will be perpendicular to the radius  $EA$ ; as before.

### EXAMPLE XI\*.

57. Given the point  $C$  in the radius  $OA$  of the semicircle  $ABE$ : To find the point  $B$  in the said semicircle where the Sum of the right lines  $CB$  and  $EB$  is a *Maximum*.

Fig.  
36.

Suppose the point  $b$  indefinitely near to  $B$ ; and the little circular arches  $Bn$  and  $Bm$ , described with  $CB$  and  $EB$  as radii, to be little right lines perpendicular to the said radii respectively. Now, the angles  $CBn$ ,  $OBb$ , and  $EBm$ , being right; therefore  $\angle CBO = \angle nBb$ , and  $\angle OBE = mBb$ : but, when  $CB + EB$  is a Maximum, it is evident,

\* Invented Anno 1761.

that, the Increment  $nb$  must be  $=$  the Decrement  $bm$ ; and therefore the triangles  $bnB$  and  $bmB$  are equal and similar. Hence,  $\angle nBb$  being  $= \angle mBb$ , therefore  $\angle CBO = \angle OBE = \angle OEB$ ; and the triangles  $OCB$  and  $BCE$  are similar; and consequently, by 4 E. 6.  $OC : CB :: BC : CE$ ;  $\therefore CB = \overline{CO \times CE}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Construction.*

Make  $CK = CO$ ; describe the semicircle  $KQE$ , and draw the right line  $CQ$  perpendicular to the diameter  $EK$ ; also, make  $CB = CQ$ : then will  $B$  be the point required. For, by 35 E. 3.  $CQ = \overline{EC \times CK}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is,  $CB = \overline{EC \times CO}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Corollary.*

In order to make the Maximum take place, the given distance  $OC$  must be greater than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the radius  $OA$ .

*Note.*

To find an Algebraical expression for the sum of the right lines  $CB$  and  $EB$  when the said sum is a Maximum. Put the radius  $EO$  or  $OA = a$ , and  $OC = b$ : then,  $CB = \overline{CO \times CE}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \overline{ab + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $CB : BO :: CE : EB$ , or  $EB = \frac{BO \times CE}{CB}$   
 $= \frac{a^2 + ab}{\overline{ab + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ : therefore  $CB + EB = \overline{ab + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{a^2 + ab}{\overline{ab + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{a^2 + ab}{\overline{ab + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{a + b^2}{b^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot a + b}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a + b^3}{b}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

EXAMPLE XII\*.

58. Let the given right line CG in its first situation coincide with the right line AE; and let the end G move along the right line ED in such a manner that the other end C may pass with an uniform motion from A to E; and, at the same time, suppose a point B to move with the same uniform motion from C along the line CG; then, by the motion of this point, will the Curve ABD be described: To find the point C in the line AE where CF is a *Maximum*; BF being always parallel to DE, and BH parallel to AE.

*Fig.*  
37.

Put  $AE = ED = CG = a$ ,  $AF = x$ , and  $AC = CB = z$ ; then,  $CF = x - z$ ,  $BG = a - z$ , and  $FE = BH = a - x$ . Now, by 4 E 6.  $GB : BH :: BC : CF$ , that is,  $a - z : a - x :: z : x - z$ ;  $\therefore ax - az - xz + z^2 = az - xz$ , or  $ax - 2az + z^2 = 0$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $ax - 2az - 2xz = 0$ : but, when CF or  $x - z$  is a *Maximum*, it is evident, that,  $\dot{x} = \dot{z}$ ; therefore, by dividing by  $\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{z}$ , we have  $a - 2a + 2z = 0$ , or  $2z = a$ ; and therefore  $z = \frac{1}{2}a$ , or, the point C bisects the line AE when CF is a *Maximum*.

*Corollary.*

Since  $CB = BG$ ; therefore  $CF = BH = FE = \frac{1}{2}CB$ ; and consequently, when the angle AED is not an Obtuse but a right one, the angle BCF will, when CF is a *Maximum*, be  $= 60^\circ$ .

\* Invented Anno 1756.

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## EXAMPLE XIII.

Fig.  
38.

59. To find the point of Retrogression B in the *Contracted Semicycloid* ABD; whose generating semicircle AGF is greater than its base FD\*.

Put the generating semicircle  $AGF = a$ , base  $FD = b$ , radius  $CG = c$ ,  $CG = s$ ,  $OC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , and arch  $AG = z$ ; and let the point  $g$  be supposed indefinitely near to  $G$ , and  $ng$  parallel to  $CF$ ; that is, let  $nG = s'$ , and  $Gg = z'$ . Now, if the Increment  $Gg$  be supposed a little right line perpendicular to the radius  $OG$ , the right angled triangles  $OCG$  and  $Gng$  will be similar; and therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $CO : OG :: nG : Gg$ , that is,  $x : c :: s' : z'$ , or (*art. 7.*)  $x : c :: s : z = \frac{cs}{x}$ . By the known property of the curve,

$$a : b :: z : GB = \frac{bz}{a}; \text{ therefore } CG + GB = s +$$

\* This Curve may be thus generated:—Let the semicircle *af* roll along upon the right line *fd* equal to it and perpendicular to its diameter *fa*: then will the curve ABD described by any point A taken *without* the said semicircle and in the radius *Oa* produced, be a *Contracted Semicycloid*. For, describe the concentric semicircle AGF; in any position of which, as BRK, to the generating point B draw the ordinate CB parallel to the base FD, which said base must evidently be equal and parallel to *fd*: through the centre *o* draw MR parallel to the diameter AF; and with the radius *oB* describe the arch BM: then will the arches AG, MB, and RK, be equal, and  $tB = CG$ ; and therefore  $GB = Ct = fr =$  (by the generation) arch *rk*; but, semicircle AF : semicircle *af* :: arch RK : arch *rk*; therefore, semicircle AF : *fd* or base FD :: arch AG : GB; which is the property of the *Cycloid*. (See *art. 35.*)

This Curve may, with propriety, be called an *exterior Cycloid*.



$\frac{bz}{a} = y$ , which, at the point of Retrogression, must evidently be a Maximum; its Fluxion therefore is  $= 0$ , that is, because the Fluxions of  $s$  and  $z$  are negative to each other,  $-\dot{s} + \frac{b\dot{z}}{a} = 0$ ; from which equation we have  $\dot{z} = \frac{a\dot{s}}{b}$ . Hence  $\frac{cs}{x} = \frac{a\dot{s}}{b}$ ; and therefore  $ax = bc$ , and  $x = \frac{bc}{a} = OC$ .

Or, \* Put the generating semicircle  $AGF = a$ , base  $FD = b$ , radius  $OG = c$ , and  $OC = x$ ; and let  $gb$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $GB$ . Now, it is evident, that, at the point of Retrogression  $B$ , the tangent must be perpendicular to the ordinate; that is, at the said point, the Increment  $Bb$  is perpendicular to  $bv$ ; and therefore, because the  $\angle tBb = \angle oBv$ , the right angled triangles  $Bbv$  and  $Bto$  or  $GCO$  are similar; and consequently, by 4 E. 6.  $Bv : vb :: GO : OC$ . But, by the nature or generation of the curve,  $a : b :: Gg$  or  $Bv : vb$ . Hence, therefore,  $a : b :: GO : OC$ , that is,  $a : b :: c : x$ ;  $\therefore x = \frac{bc}{a} = OC$ ; as before.

### Corollaries.

1. At any point  $B$  in the curve, if to the corresponding point  $G$  in the circle, we draw the right line  $TG$  perpendicular to the radius  $OG$ , making  $TG : GB :: a : b$ , that is, if  $TG$  be made

\* Invented Anno 1760.

equal to the arch  $AG$ ; or if  $Bx$  be made equal to the radius  $Oa$ ,  $xz$  be drawn parallel to the tangent  $GT$  and equal to the radius  $OA$ ; then will the right line drawn from  $T$  or  $z$  to  $B$ , be a Tangent to the curve at the point  $B$ . For then the triangles  $TGB$  or  $zxB$  and  $Bvb$  will be similar; and therefore, &c.

2. If the right line  $aQ$  be drawn perpendicular to the radius  $OA$ ; then, when the point  $Q$  arrives at the base  $FD$ , the point  $A$  will be in the point of Retrogression  $B$ . For, since at the said point of Retrogression,  $x = \frac{bc}{a}$ ; by analogy,  $a:b::c:x$ ; that is, semicircle  $BRK$  : semicircle  $prk::oR:ot$ ; therefore, the semicircles being as their radii  $oR$  and  $or$ , the point  $t$  coincides with  $r$ , that is, the ordinate  $CB$  coincides with the right line  $fd$ ; and the triangles  $Rop$  and  $Bot$  are equal and similar. Consequently,  $Rp$  is perpendicular to  $po$ ; and therefore, &c.—Hence the following.

### *Construction.*

Make  $DR = \text{arch } ae$ ; draw  $Rt$  equal and parallel to  $Ff$ , and  $tB$  equal and parallel to  $aQ$ ; then will  $B$  be the point of Retrogression required.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Of finding the Points of Inflection in Curves.*

60. WHEN a Curve from being Concave becomes Convex towards its axis; or, from being Convex becomes Concave; then, that Point in it where the Change is made, or that which separates the Convex from the Concave part, is called the Point of *Inflection*. So that, if to the Point of Inflection a Tangent be drawn, it will cut the Curve.

Thus, in *fig. 39.* if AB be concave and BY convex, or, in *fig. 40.* if AB be convex and BY concave towards the axis AX; then B is the point of Inflection: where the Tangent TBG cuts the curve.

*Fig.*  
39.  
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61. Now, it is evident, that, in any Curve, in order to determine whether the Absciss or Ordinate flows with an accelerated or retarded motion, or, to find the value of its *Second Fluxion*, it is necessary that one of them be made to increase or decrease with a given or uniform motion, with which the swiftness of the increase or decrease of the other may be always compared.

Suppose the Absciss therefore, it being the most natural, always to flow equably, or equal parts of it to be described in equal times; then, because the Direction of the curve from A to B (*fig. 39.*) or from B to Y (*fig. 40.*) continually approaches nearer to a Parallelism with the axis, it is evident,

the ordinate between these points must flow with a motion continually Retarded: and, because the Direction of the curve from B to Y (*fig. 39.*) or from A to B (*fig. 40.*) approaches continually nearer to a perpendicular to the axis; therefore, between these points, the ordinate must flow, or increase with a motion continually Accelerated. Consequently, at the point of Inflection, the ordinate will flow with neither an Accelerated nor Retarded but with an Uniform motion: therefore, at the point of Inflection B, the *Second Fluxions* of the absciss and ordinate will be  $= 0$ .

Or, Let  $Bn$  be a given right line always parallel to the base,  $Bm$  a Tangent to the curve, and  $nm$  a right line parallel to the ordinate. Then, it is plain, that, before the ordinate arrives at the point of Inflection, the right line  $nm$ , in *fig. 39.* will be continually Decreasing, and afterwards continually Increasing; or, in *fig. 40.* will be continually Increasing, and afterwards continually Decreasing: therefore, at the point of Inflection, it will be neither Increasing nor Decreasing; but will, in *fig. 39.* be a Minimum, or, in *fig. 40.* a Maximum; and consequently, in either case, its Fluxion will be  $= 0$ . But, by *art. 24.* the right lines  $Bn$ ,  $nm$ , and  $Bm$ , are as the Fluxions of the absciss, ordinate, and curve, respectively. Hence, therefore, the *Second Fluxions* of the absciss and ordinate, at the point of Inflection, are  $= 0$ ; as before.

62. Now, since, in general, the ordinate CB and the measure of its Fluxion,  $nm$ , flow together; or, since the Fluxion of the ordinate CB is always as the right line  $nm$ , and the said right line is a



Variable or Flowing quantity \* ; therefore, to find the *Second Fluxion* of a *Fluent*, or the *Fluxion* of an Expression containing the *First Fluxions* of any variable quantities ; every *First Fluxion*, not supposed Invariable, must be considered as a distinct Variable quantity, and the Expression be put into Fluxions by the *Rules* laid down in *Chap. 2*.

Thus, the Fluxion of  $2y\dot{y}$  is  $2y\ddot{y} + 2y\dot{y}$ , that is,  $2\dot{y}^2 + 2y\ddot{y}$  ; or, if  $\dot{y}$  be invariable, it is  $2\dot{y}^2$ . The

Fluxion of  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$  is  $\frac{\ddot{x}y\dot{y} + \dot{x}\dot{y}^2 - \dot{y}\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}^2}$  ; or, since either

$\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{y}$  may be supposed invariable, (that is, either  $x$  or  $y$  to flow with an uniform motion,) if we

make  $\dot{x}$  invariable, it will be  $\frac{\dot{x}\dot{y}^2 - \dot{y}\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}^2}$ . Also, the

Fluxion of  $\frac{x\dot{x}}{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $\frac{x\ddot{x} + \dot{x}\dot{x}}{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{y\dot{y}}{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\times x\dot{x}$ .

\* If the right line  $nm$  be invariable ; then, the curve will degenerate into a right line, and the ordinate will flow uniformly, or the Fluxion of it be always the same.

If the right line  $nm$  be variable ; then, the velocity with which the ordinate flows will likewise be variable : And, the velocity with which the line  $nm$  increases or decreases will always be as the increase or decrease of the velocity with which the ordinate flows ; that is, the Fluxion of the line  $nm$  will be as the Second Fluxion of the ordinate  $CB$ .

If the right line  $nm$  does not uniformly increase or decrease ; then, the velocity with which the ordinate flows will not uniformly increase or decrease : And, the increase or decrease of the velocity with which the line  $nm$  increases or decreases will always be as the increase or decrease of the acceleration or retardation of the velocity with which the ordinate flows ; that is, the Second Fluxion of the line  $nm$  will be as the Third Fluxion of the ordinate  $CB$ .

The Third and Fourth Fluxions, &c. are found in the same manner, due regard being had to such Fluxions as are supposed Invariable.

63. Hence, to find the point of Inflection B; put the equation of the curve (where the absciss AC is  $= x$  or  $a \pm x$ , and the ordinate CB  $= y$ ,) into Fluxions; from which, or from other properties of the curve, find the value of  $\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{y}$ ; and put this  $\dot{x}$  or  $\dot{y}$  and its value into Fluxions, making both  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{y} = 0$ : then, by expunging the rest of the Fluxional quantities, you may have  $x$  or  $y$ , at the point of Inflection sought, determined.

64. But, the point of Inflection may be found without the help of Second Fluxions. For, if TB be a Tangent to it, it is evident, that, AT, the Difference between the subtangent and absciss, will be a *Maximum*. And therefore, to find the point of Inflection, we need only to find a definitive expression for the Subtangent, by Chap. 3. and the Difference between it and the absciss; and then make the Fluxion of this Difference  $= 0$ .— And sometimes it may be determined in a *New* and different manner; as will be shewn in the following Example.

EXAMPLE I.

65. To find the point of *Inflexion* B in the *Pro-Fig.*  
*tracted Semicycloid* ABD; whose generating 41.  
semicircle AGF is less than its base FD\*.

Put the generating semicircle AGF =  $a$ , base  
FD =  $b$ , radius OG =  $c$ , CG =  $s$ , OC =  $x$ ,  
ordinate CB =  $y$ , and arch AG =  $z$ ; and let the  
point  $g$  be supposed indefinitely near to G, and  
 $ng$  parallel to CF, that is, let  $Gn = s'$ ,  $ng = x'$ ,  
and  $gG = z'$ . Now, if the Increment  $Gg$  be  
supposed a little right line perpendicular to the  
radius OG, the right angled triangles OCG and  
 $Gng$  will be similar; and, therefore, by 4 E. 6.  
OC : CG :: Gn :  $ng$ , that is,  $x : s :: s' : x'$ , or

(*art. 7.*)  $x : s :: \dot{s} : \dot{x}$ ,  $\therefore \dot{s} = \frac{x \dot{x}}{s}$ . By the known

property of the curve,  $a : b :: z : GB = \frac{b z}{a}$ ;

\* This Curve may be thus generated.—Let the semicircle  
 $af$  roll along upon the right line  $fd$  equal to it and perpendicular  
to its diameter  $fa$ ; then will the curve ABD described by any  
point A taken within the said semicircle and in the radius  $Oa$ ,  
be a *Protracted Semicycloid*. For, describe the concentric se-  
micircle AGF; in any position of which, as BRK, to the ge-  
nerating point E draw the ordinate CB parallel to the base FD,  
which said base must evidently be equal and parallel to  $fd$ ;  
through the centre  $o$  draw  $Mr$  parallel to the diameter  $af$ ; and  
with the radius  $oB$  describe the arch BM: then will the arches  
AG, MB, and RK, be equal, and  $MB = CG$ ; and therefore,  
 $GB = Ct = fr =$  (by the generation) arch  $rk$ ; but, semicircle  
AF: semicircle  $af$ : arch RK: arch  $rk$ ; therefore, semicircle  
AF  $fd$  or base FD :: arch AG: GB; which is the property of  
the *Cycloid*. (See *art. 35.*)

This Curve may, with propriety, be called an *interior Cycloid*.

therefore  $CG + GB = s + \frac{bz}{a} = y$ ; the Fluxion of which equation, because the Fluxions of  $s$  and  $z$  are negative to each other, is  $-\dot{s} + \frac{b\dot{z}}{a} = \dot{y}$ . Hence,  $\dot{y} = -\frac{x\dot{x}}{s} + \frac{b\dot{z}}{a}$ , that is, (because by 47 E. 1.  $s = \sqrt{c^2 - x^2}$ ),  $\dot{y} = -\frac{x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}} + \frac{b\dot{z}}{a}$ . But, by 4 E. 6.  $s : c :: x' : z'$ ; that is,  $\sqrt{c^2 - x^2} : c :: \dot{x} : \dot{z} = \frac{c\dot{x}}{\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}}$ ; wherefore, by substitution,  $\dot{y} = (-\frac{x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}} + \frac{bc\dot{x}}{a\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}}) = \frac{-ax\dot{x} + bc\dot{x}}{a\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}}$ . Now, the Fluxion of this equation, making both  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{y} = 0$ , is  $0 = \frac{-ax\dot{x}^2 \times a\sqrt{c^2 - x^2} + \frac{ax\dot{x}}{\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}} \times (-ax\dot{x} + bc\dot{x})}{a^2\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}}$ , that is, (by reduction,)  $0 = \frac{-ac^2\dot{x}^2 + bcx^2}{a\sqrt{c^2 - x^2}}$ ; whence,  $0 = -ac + bx$ , and therefore  $x = \frac{ac}{b} = OC$ .

Or\*, Put the generating semicircle  $AGF = a$ , base  $FD = b$ , radius  $OG = c$ , and  $OC = x$ ;

\* Invented Anno 1760.



and let  $gb$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $GB$ . Now, it is evident, that, at the point of Inflexion  $B$ , the angle made by the tangent and ordinate must be a Maximum; that is, at the said point, the  $\angle Bbv$  is a Maximum. But, by the nature or generation of the curve,  $a : b :: Gg$  or  $Bv : vb$ ; and, by Trigonometry,  $bv : vB :: s. \angle vBb : s. \angle Bbv$ ; therefore, the said  $\angle Bbv$  is the Greatest when  $vB$  is perpendicular to  $Bb$ . Consequently, at the point of Inflexion  $B$ , the tangent is coincident with the radius  $oB$ ; and the triangles  $Bvb$  and  $toB$  or  $COG$  are similar: therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $Bv : vb :: CO : OG$ ; that is,  $a : b :: x : c$ ;  $\therefore x = \frac{ac}{b} = OC$ ; as before.

*Corollaries.*

1. At any point  $B$  in the curve, if to the corresponding point  $G$  in the circle, we draw the right line  $TG$  perpendicular to the radius  $OG$ , making  $TG : GB :: a : b$ , that is, if  $TG$  be made equal to the arch  $AG$ ; or, if  $Bx$  be made equal to the radius  $Oa$ , and  $xz$  be drawn parallel to the tangent  $GT$  and equal to the radius  $OA$ ; then will the right line drawn from  $T$  or  $z$  to  $B$  be a Tangent to the curve at the point  $B$ . For then the triangles  $TGB$  or  $zxB$  and  $Bvb$  will be similar; and, therefore, &c.

2. If the right line  $AQ$  be drawn perpendicular to the radius  $Oa$ ; then, when the point  $Q$  arrives at the right line  $fd$  parallel to the base  $FD$ , the point  $A$  will be in the point of Inflexion  $B$ . For, since at the said point of Inflexion,  $x =$

$\frac{ac}{b}$ ; by analogy,  $b : a :: c : x$ , that is, semicircle  $prk$  : semicircle  $BRK :: oB : ot$ ; therefore, the semicircles being as their radii,  $ro : oB :: Bo : ot$ ; that is,  $ot$  o  $OC$  is a third proportional to the radii  $Of$  and  $OF$ , and the triangles  $roB$  and  $Bot$  are similar. Consequently,  $rB$  is perpendicular to  $po$ ; and therefore, &c.—Hence the following

### Construction.

Make  $DR = \text{arch } fe$ ; draw  $rM$  through the point  $R$  equal and parallel to  $fA$ ; make  $oR = OF$ ; and lastly, describe the semicircles  $MR$  and  $or$ : then will the intersecting point  $B$  of the said semicircles be the point of Inflection required.

### EXAMPLE II.

Fig. 66. To find the point of Inflection  $B$  in the Conchoid  
42. of Nicomedes  $AB$  &c. \*

Put  $PE = a$ ,  $EA = b$ ,  $EC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then (*art.* 33.)  $\dot{y} = \frac{-ab^2\dot{x} - x^3\dot{x}}{x^2 \times b^2 - x^3} \perp$ . Now, the Fluxion of this equation, making both  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{y} = 0$ , is, (by reduction)  $0 = \frac{2ab^4x - 3ab^2x^3 - b^2x^4}{x^4 \times b^2 - x^3} x^2$ ; therefore,  $2ab^2 - 3ax^2 - x^3 = 0$ ; by which equation,  $x$ , and consequently the point  $B$ , may be determined.—And,

\* See the generation of this Curve, *art.* 33. *note.*

if  $a = b$ , it will be  $2a^3 - 3ax^2 - x^3 = 0$ ; which divided by  $a + x$ , makes  $2a^2 - 2ax - x^2 = 0$ ; from which quadratic equation we have  $x = \sqrt{3a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - a$ .

*Construction.*

Make  $Pn = \frac{2}{3}PE$ ; draw the indefinite right line  $nm$  perpendicular to  $Pn$ ; make  $Es = \frac{1}{5}EA$ ; draw the right lines  $sr$  and  $Pm$  parallel to each other and perpendicular to the right line  $nr$ ; make  $Et = EA$ ; and parallel to  $sr$  draw the right line  $tC$ : then an ordinate drawn from the point  $C$  will fall on the point of Inflection  $B$ . For, by 4. E.

6.  $CE : Et :: Pn : nm$ , that is,  $x : b :: \frac{2}{5}a : \frac{2ab}{5x} = nm$ ; and  $Pn : nm :: mn : nr$ , that is,  $\frac{2}{5}a : \frac{2ab}{5x} :: \frac{2ab}{5x} : \frac{2ab^2}{5x^2} = nr$ ; again,  $tE : EC :: sE : Er$ , that is,  $b : x :: \frac{1}{5}b : \frac{1}{5}x = Er$ ; therefore, ( $nE$  being  $= \frac{3}{5}a$ )  $nr = \frac{3}{5}a + \frac{1}{5}x$ . Hence,  $\frac{2ab^2}{5x^2} = \frac{3}{5}a + \frac{1}{5}x$ , and therefore  $2ab^2 = 3ax^2 + x^3$ , or  $2ab^2 - 3ax^2 - x^3 = 0$ .

Or,

When  $a = b$ ; make  $Pv = PA$ , and  $PC = Ev$ : then will  $C$  be the point in the absciss from which the ordinate to the point of Inflection must be drawn. For then  $\sqrt{Pv^2 - PE^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = Ev = C$ ; and, therefore,  $EC = \sqrt{3a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - a = x$ .

## EXAMPLE III.

67. To find the point of *Inflection* B in the Curve ABY, whose Equation (putting the absciss AC =  $x$ , ordinate CB =  $y$ , and the perpendicular AE =  $a$ ,) is  $ax^2 = a^2y + x^2y$ .

Fig.  
43.

The Fluxion of the equation of the curve is

$$2ax\dot{x} = a^2\dot{y} + 2x\dot{x}y + x^2\dot{y}; \text{ therefore, } \dot{y} = \frac{2ax\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x}y}{a^2 + x^2},$$

that is, (by writing  $\frac{ax^2}{a^2 + x^2}$  for  $y$  its value,)  $\dot{y} =$

$$\frac{2a^3x\dot{x}}{(a^2 + x^2)^2}; \text{ and the Fluxion of this equation, making}$$

both  $\ddot{x}$  and  $\ddot{y} = 0$ , is

$$0 = \frac{2a^3\dot{x}^2 \times \overline{a^2 + x^2}^2 - 4a^2x\dot{x} + 4x^3\dot{x} \times 2a^3x\dot{x}}{(a^2 + x^2)^4}; \text{ which}$$

multiplied by  $\overline{a^2 + x^2}^4$  and divided by  $2a^3\dot{x}^2$ , gives

$$0 = \overline{a^2 + x^2}^2 - 4a^2x^2 - 4x^4; \text{ therefore } 4x^4 + 4a^2x^2 = \overline{a^2 + x^2}^2; \text{ which equation divided by } x^2 + a^2, \text{ makes } 4x^2 = a^2 + x^2; \text{ therefore, } 3x^2 = a^2, \text{ and } x = a\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}; \text{ and, if this value of } x \text{ be substituted for it in the given equation of the curve, we shall have } y, \text{ or, the ordinate at the point of Inflection } = \frac{1}{4}a.$$

*Construction.*

Make Ae =  $\frac{1}{3}$ AE; and with the radius eE describe the arch EC: then will C be the point from which the ordinate to the point of Inflection must



be drawn. For then  $eC = \frac{2}{3}a$ , and by 47 E. 1.  $Ce^2 - eA^2 = AC^2$ , that is,  $\frac{4}{9}a^2 - \frac{1}{9}a^2 = \frac{1}{3}a^2 = AC^2 = x^2$ , or  $x = a\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

*Note.*

If it were required to find the Asymptote to the curve:—Suppose the absciss and curve to be indefinitely extended: then, because  $x^2$  will be indefinitely near to equality with  $a^2 + x^2$ , we shall have  $y$  (which by the equation of the curve is  $= a \times \frac{x^2}{a^2 + x^2}$ ), indefinitely near to equality with the given right line  $a$ ; that is,  $y$  will then be  $= a$ , minus a quantity indefinitely small. Wherefore, if from the point  $E$  a right line,  $EZ$ , be drawn parallel to the axis,  $AX$ , it will be the Asymptote required.

SCHOLIUM.

68. In any Curve, in order to know whether it be *concave* or *convex* towards any point assigned in the axis; find the value of  $\ddot{y}$  at that point: then, (*art.* 61.) if this value of  $\ddot{y}$  comes out Positive, the curve will be *convex* towards the axis; and if it comes out Negative, it will be *concave*.

Thus, in the last Example, if it were required to find whether the Curve be at first *concave* or *convex* towards the axis:—Suppose  $a = 10$ , and make  $x = 1$ , or  $x =$  any number less than  $a\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$  or  $10\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$ ; then, because  $\ddot{y}$  may here be considered to be always as  $\overline{a^2 + x^2}^2 - 4a^2x^2 - 4x^4$ , the ex-

pression for  $\ddot{y}$  will come out Positive; and therefore, the curve is at first *convex* towards the axis: And, when  $x = 6$ , or  $x =$  any number greater than  $a\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$  or  $10\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$ , the said expression will come out Negative; and therefore, then, the curve will be *concave* towards the axis.

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## CHAPTER VI.

### *Of finding the Radius of Curvature.*

69. As the curvature, or convexity, of all curves, but circles, varies in every point; therefore, if circles are described coinciding with a given curve in any number of points, the Radii of these circles will be different: And the finding of these Radii is the business of this Chapter.

70. And, because all curves, but circles, are formed or generated, or may be conceived to be formed or generated, by the evolution, or winding off, of some other curves; therefore, the centres of the circles which coincide or have equal degrees of curvature with the different Points or rather Increments of the curves thus formed or generated will always be in the curves to be unwound; which curves are called the *Evolutes*; and the others formed or generated, or conceived to be formed or generated, by their evolution, are called the *Involutes*.

71. Thus, let DEF be any curve, called an *Fig.*  
evolute; round which conceive a thread to be 44.  
wound and extended beyond the curve from D in  
a right line to A; and let this thread be evolved,  
or wound off, from the curve DF, so that it be  
continually stretched at it's full length as it leaves  
the curve: then will the point A generate, or de-  
scribe, the involute curve ABY; and the right  
lines AD, BE, YF, will be the radii of curva-  
ture at the points A, B, Y, respectively.

*Corollaries.*

1. The radius of curvature BE will always be  
equal to the length of the curve ED and right line  
DA: and, consequently, if the vertical distance,  
or shortest radius DA, vanishes; that is, if the  
radius at A be nothing; then, the involute curve  
will begin at D; and the curve DE will be equal  
to the radius of curvature at the point B.

2. Because (18 E. 3.) the radius of a circle is  
perpendicular to the tangent, the radius of cur-  
vature at any point B is always perpendicular to a  
tangent at that point.

3. The radius BE, which is perpendicular to  
the involute at the point B, is a tangent to the  
evolute at the point E.

PROBLEM.

72. To deduce a General Expression for BE the  
Radius of Curvature at any point B in the  
Involute Curve ABY whose Axis is AX and  
Evolute DE.

Put the absciss AC =  $x$ , and ordinate CB =  
 $y$ ; and suppose  $bE$  indefinitely near to BE,  $bc$



indefinitely near and parallel to BC; and Bm parallel to AX; that is, let Cc or Bn =  $x'$ , and  $nb = y'$ . Then, Bb being considered as a little right line coinciding with a tangent to the point B, the right angled triangles Bnb and BCH will be similar; (for  $\angle Ebb = \angle CBn$ , and therefore, the  $\angle Ebn$  being common, the  $\angle s$  nBb and CBH are equal; *ergo*, &c.) and, the  $\angle Bbm$  being right, the right angled triangles mnb and bnB will, by 8 E. 6, be similar also. Wherefore, by 4 E. 6,  $Bn : nb :: BC : CH$ , that is,  $x' : y'$

$:: y : \frac{yy'}{x'} = CH$ ; and therefore, by 47 E. 1.

$$BH = \sqrt{BC^2 + CH^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{y^2 y'^2}{x'^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{y}{x'} \times$$

$$\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \text{ also, } AH = x + \frac{yy'}{x'}. \text{ Again, } Bn$$

$$: nb :: bn : nm, \text{ that is, } x' : y' :: y' : nm = \frac{y'^2}{x};$$

$$:: Bm = x' + \frac{y'^2}{x'}. \text{ Now, because the Direction}$$

of the curve ABY approaches continually nearer to a Parallelism with the axis AX; therefore, if we suppose the absciss (AC =  $x$ ,) to flow with an equable or uniform motion, that is, supposing  $x'$  or  $\dot{x}$  to be invariable, or always of the same value; then, the Increment of the ordinate (CB =  $y$ ,) or the Velocity or Fluxion with which it flows, must continually decrease; that is, the *Second Moment* or *Second Fluxion* of  $y$  will be negative: and therefore, Hb, the Increment of AH viz. the Increment of  $x + \frac{yy'}{x'}$ , will be =



$x' + \frac{y'^2 - yy''}{x'}$ . Now, the triangles  $EBm$  and

$EHb$  are evidently similar; therefore  $Bm - Hb : Bm :: (BE - HE =) BH : BE$ , that is,

$$\frac{yy''}{x'} : x' + \frac{y'^2}{x'} :: \frac{y}{x'} \times \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : \frac{x'^2 + y'^2}{x' y''}$$

$$= BE; \text{ or (art. 7.) } BE = \frac{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x' \ddot{y}}.$$

Or, With the radius  $EB$  describe the circular *Fig.*  
Arch  $BK$ ; which Arch will therefore have the 45.  
same Degree of Curvature with the Involute  
Curve  $AB$  at the point  $B$ . Draw the radius  $EK$  pa-  
rallel to the axis  $AX$ ; and produce the ordinate  
 $BC$  to  $L$ , to which draw  $AN$  parallel. Put the  
absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , radius  $EB$  or  
 $EK = r$ ,  $KN = a$ , and  $NA = b$ ; then,  $LE =$   
 $r - a - x$ . Now, if we suppose the absciss,  $x$ , to  
increase uniformly, and  $Bm$  to be a tangent to the  
point  $B$ ; then, if we draw  $mn$  parallel to  $BC$ ,  
and  $Bn$  parallel to  $AX$ , by *art.* 24.  $Bn$ ,  $nm$ , and  
 $mB$ , will be as the *Fluxions* of the absciss, ordinate,  
and curve, respectively; that is,  $Bn$  will be  
as  $\dot{x}$ ,  $nm$  as  $\dot{y}$ , and (because by 47 E. 1;  $Bm =$

$\overline{Bn^2 + nm^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ),  $Bm$  as  $\overline{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now, the tri-  
angles  $Bnm$  and  $BLE$  are similar; therefore, by  
4 E. 6,  $Bn : nm :: BL : LE$ , that is,  $\dot{x} : \dot{y} :: y$   
 $+ b : r - a - x$ ;  $\therefore r\dot{x} - a\dot{x} - x\dot{x} = y\dot{y} + b\dot{y}$ ; the  
Fluxion of which equation (supposing  $\dot{x}$  invari-  
able, and therefore, the direction of the curve  
 $AB$  continually approaching towards a parallelism  
with it's axis, the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  as negative,) is  
 $-\dot{x}^2 = \dot{y}^2 - y\ddot{y} - b\ddot{y}$ ;  $\therefore \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \overline{b + y} \times \ddot{y}$ .

Again, by 4 E. 6,  $LB : BE :: nB : Bm$ , that is,

$$b + y : r :: \dot{x} : \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \therefore b + y = \frac{r\dot{x}}{\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}};$$

which substituted for  $b + y$  makes the above  $\dot{x}^2 +$

$$\dot{y}^2 = \frac{r\dot{x}\ddot{y}}{\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}; \text{ therefore, } \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} \times \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= r\dot{x}\ddot{y}, \text{ that is, } \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} = r\dot{x}\ddot{y} : \therefore \frac{\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\dot{x}\ddot{y}} = r$$

$= BE$ ; as before.

73. *Note.* When the absciss,  $x$ , flows with an uniform motion; it follows from *art.* 61, that the ordinate,  $y$ , flows with a retarded motion when it increases and the curve is concave, or when it decreases and the curve is convex towards the axis; and with an accelerated motion when it decreases and the curve is concave, or when it increases and the curve is convex towards the axis. Now, when  $y$  increases with an accelerated motion or it's *Second Fluxion* is affirmative, the General Expression for the Radius of Curvature will be  $= \frac{\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{-\dot{x}\ddot{y}}$ ; where the Negative sign shews it's Position.

74. Hence, because we may substitute 1 for any invariable Fluxion\*; if we put  $\dot{x} = 1$ , the General Expression for the Radius of Curvature will be  $= \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\dot{y}}$  when  $y$  increases with a re-

\* The substituting *unity*, or 1, for an invariable Fluxion, has no other effect than it's making the operation less laborious; and, in reality, it is no more than making *unity* the Standard of the other Fluxions, or reducing the other Fluxions to a comparison with 1.

warded motion, or it's *Second Fluxion* is Negative; and  $= \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{-\ddot{y}}$  when  $y$  increases with an Acce-

lerated motion; or it's *Second Fluxion* is Affirmative. The former takes place when the curve is Concave, and the latter when it is Convex towards the axis.—Wherefore, if we put the Equation of the given curve, expressing the relation between the absciss  $x$  and ordinate  $y$ , into Fluxions, making  $\dot{x} = 1$ ; or, from the nature of the curve, find the value of  $\dot{x} = 1$  in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $\dot{y}$ ; and then put this *fluxional* Equation into Fluxions again, still substituting 1 for  $\dot{x}$ ; and making the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  Negative when the curve is Concave, and Affirmative when it is Convex towards the axis; from thence the Values of the *second* and *square* of the *first Fluxions* of  $y$  may be determined: which being substituted for them in one of these two general expressions, viz. in the former when the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  is Negative; and in the latter when it is Affirmative; we shall have a definitive expression for BE, that is, an expression for it free from Fluxions, or, the Radius of Curvature required.

*Note.*

75. The Vertical Distance, or Radius AD, may be obtained, by writing for  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  their values, in the General Expression for the Subnormal CH, which was found in art. 72. ( $= \frac{y\dot{y}'}{\dot{x}}$ , that is, by writing  $\dot{x}$  for  $x'$ , and  $\dot{y}$  for  $y'$ ),  $= \frac{y\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}$ ; or, making



$\dot{x} = 1$ , by substituting the value of  $\dot{y}$  in  $y\dot{y}$ , that is, by multiplying the value of  $\dot{y}$  by  $y$ ; and then making  $y$  vanish in the definitive expression which will then be found.—For, the expression for the Subnormal CH being the same at whatever point in the curve B is taken; therefore, if it be taken at A, where  $y$  vanishes or becomes  $= 0$ , the point C must of consequence coincide with the vertex A, and the points E and H with D: therefore, &c.

## EXAMPLE I.

Fig. 76. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point  
46. B in the *Parabola* AY.

Put the parameter  $= a$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , and ordinate  $CB = y$ . Now, by a well known property of the curve,  $ax = y^2$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $a\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ , or, making  $\dot{x} =$

1, it is  $a = 2y\dot{y}$ ; therefore,  $\dot{y} = \frac{a}{2y} = \frac{a}{2 \times \sqrt{ax}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,

for  $y$  is  $= \sqrt{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  by the equation of the curve:

And the Fluxion of this equation again, (the direction of the curve approaching continually towards a parallelism with the axis, and therefore the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  being negative, *art.* 61.) is  $-\ddot{y}$

$= \frac{-a^2}{4 \times \sqrt{ax}}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ : Whence,  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{a^2}{4 \times ax} = \frac{a}{4x}$ , and  $\ddot{y} =$

$\frac{a^2}{4 \times \sqrt{ax}}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . Now, if for  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  we substitute

these their values, we shall have  $\frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , the ge-



neral expreffion for the Radius of Curvature BE

$$(art. 74.) = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{a}{4x}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \times 4ax^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^2} = \frac{4ax + a^2}{2a^2}$$

Construction.

Through the point B describe the femicircle ABn; bifeft Cn in H; make Hr = 2AC; and drop the perpendicular rE, terminated by the right line BE drawn through the point H: then will BE be the Radius of Curvature at the point

B. For by 35 E. 3.  $BC^2 = AC \times Cn$ , or  $\frac{BC^2}{AC}$

= Cn, that is,  $\frac{ax}{x} = a = Cn$ , and therefore

CH =  $\frac{1}{2}a$ , and Cr =  $\frac{1}{2}a + 2x$ : by 47 E. 1.

$\sqrt{CH^2 + CB^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = BH$ , that is,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} = BH$ ;

and by 4 E. 6. CH : HB :: Cr : BE, that is,  $\frac{1}{2}a$

:  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \frac{1}{2}a + 2x : \frac{a + 4x}{a} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

=  $\frac{a^2 + 4ax}{2a^2} = BE$ .

Note.

77. By writing for  $y$  its value  $\frac{a}{2y}$ , in  $yy$ , (art.

75.) we have  $\frac{a}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}a = AD$  the vertical Distance.

Which same Truth may be inferred from the expression for the Radius BE; for, when the said Radius becomes the vertical Distance, that is, when the point B coincides with A,  $x$  vanishes; and therefore, by striking  $4ax$  out of the said ex-

pression, we have  $\frac{a^2 \frac{1}{2}}{2a^2} = \frac{1}{2}a$ ; as before.

### EXAMPLE II.

Fig. 78. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point  
47. B in the Cycloid ABD\*.

Put the radius OF or OD =  $a$ , absciss AC =  $x$ , ordinate CB =  $y$ , sine IG =  $s$ , and arch FG =  $z$ .

Now, by 35 E. 3.  $IG = DI \times IF^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is,  $s = \frac{2ay - y^2}{2}$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $\dot{s} = \frac{a\dot{y} - y\dot{y}}{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . And by the nature of the Cycloid,

(art. 35.) arch DG = GB; and therefore, arch FG = GI + AC. or AC = arch FG - GI, that is,  $x = z - s =$  (by substituting for  $s$  it's above value,)  $z - \frac{2ay - y^2}{2}$ ; and the Fluxion of this

equation, making  $\dot{x} = 1$ , is  $1 = \dot{z} + \frac{y\dot{y} - a\dot{y}}{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

But (art. 72.)  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$  (by writing for  $s$  it's above value,)  $\sqrt{\frac{a\dot{y} - y\dot{y}}{2ay - y^2}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a\dot{y}}{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

\* See how this Curve may be generated, art. 35. note.

which substituted for  $\dot{z}$  makes the above equation

$$1 = \frac{a\dot{y}}{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{y\dot{y} - a\dot{y}}{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}; \text{ that is, } 1 = \frac{y\dot{y}}{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}; \text{ therefore } \dot{y} = \frac{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y}; \text{ and}$$

the Fluxion of this equation (the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  being negative,) is  $-\ddot{y} =$

$$\frac{\frac{ay\dot{y} - y^2\dot{y}}{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \dot{y} \cdot \frac{2ay - y^2}{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}}{y^2} = \frac{-a\dot{y}}{y \cdot (2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = (\text{by}$$

writing for  $\dot{y}$  it's equal,)  $-\frac{a}{\dot{y}^2}$ ; that is,  $\ddot{y} = \frac{a}{\dot{y}^2}$ .

Now, by substituting  $\frac{2ay - y^2}{y^2}$  for  $\dot{y}^2$ , and  $\frac{a}{\dot{y}^2}$  for

$$\ddot{y}, \text{ we have, by art. 74. } \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}} = \frac{1 + \frac{2ay - y^2}{y^2}}{\frac{a}{\dot{y}^2}} \times y^2$$

$$= \frac{2ay^{\frac{3}{2}}}{ay} = 2 \cdot 2ay^{\frac{1}{2}} = BE \text{ the Radius of Curvature required.}$$

### Construction.

Make FH = GB; and through the point H draw the right line BE, making BH = HE = chord GF: then will BE be the Radius of Curvature at the point B. For art. 35, a tangent to the point B is parallel to the chord DG, and by art. 71, corol. 2, the Radius of Curvature is always perpendicular to the tangent; therefore,

because by 31 E. 3. the  $\angle$  DGF is right BE must be parallel to the chord GF. Now, by 4 and 8 E. 6.  $DF : FG :: GF : FI$  or  $CB$ ,  $\therefore GF = \overline{DF \times CB}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \overline{2ay}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $2GF = \overline{2.2ay}^{\frac{1}{2}} = BE$ .

*Note.*

79. By *art.* 75. if we multiply the value of  $\dot{y}$ , viz.  $\frac{\overline{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y}$ , by  $y$ ; we shall have the Subnormal  $CH = \overline{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which, when  $y$  vanishes, becomes  $= 0$ , and equal to the vertical Distance: so that the Vertices of the Evolute and Involute Curves coincide.

### EXAMPLE III.

*Fig.*  
48.

80. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point B in the Curve AD; whose nature is such, that the Triangle CBT, made of the Ordinate, Tangent, and Subtangent, is always proportional to the Ordinate CB; or, whose Subtangent CT is equal to a given line  $= a$ . (See *art.* 36.)

Put  $GC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then, by *art.* 25.  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}} = a$ , that is, if  $\dot{x}$  be made  $= 1$ ,  $\frac{y}{\dot{y}} = a$ ;  $\therefore \dot{y} = \frac{y}{a}$ ; therefore,  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{y^2}{a^2}$ , and (because here  $y$  flows with an accelerated motion, or it's Second



Fluxion is affirmative,)  $\ddot{y} = \frac{\dot{y}}{a}$ , that is, (by sub-

stituting  $\frac{y}{a}$  for  $\dot{y}$  it's value,)  $\ddot{y} = \frac{y}{a^2}$ . Now, by

writing for  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  these their values, in  $\frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{-\ddot{y}}$ ,

$$(art. 74.) \text{ we have } \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{a^2}} \times a^2}{-y} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{-ay} =$$

the Radius of Curvature sought: Where the Negative sign only shews, that the Evolute and Radius of Curvature lie on the other side of the curve with regard to  $x$  and  $y$ .

### Construction.

Draw  $Bn$  parallel to  $CT$ ,  $Tn$  perpendicular to  $TB$ ,  $nE$  perpendicular to  $nB$ , and  $BE$  parallel to  $Tn$ : then will  $BE$  be the Radius of Curvature at the point  $B$ . For, by 47 E. 1.  $BT = \sqrt{TC^2 + CB^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and by 4 E. 6.  $CT : TB :: TB : Bn$ , that is,  $a : \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : \frac{a^2 + y^2}{a} = Bn$ ; and,  $CB : BT :: nB : BE$ , that is,

$$y : \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \frac{a^2 + y^2}{a} : \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{ay} = BE.$$

## EXAMPLE IV.

Fig. 81. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point  
49. B in the Curve AD; whose nature is such,  
that the Tangent BT is every-where equal to a  
given line =  $a$ .

Put  $GC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then, by 47 E. 1.  
 $\sqrt{TB^2 - BC^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = CT$ , that is,  $\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = CT =$   
(art. 25.)  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$ ; or, making  $\dot{x} = 1$ ,  $\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$   
 $\frac{y}{\dot{y}}$ ;  $\therefore \dot{y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ; therefore  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{y^2}{a^2 - y^2}$ , and  
(because the Fluxion of  $y$  is affirmative,)  $\ddot{y} =$   
 $\frac{\dot{y} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{y^2 \dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^2 - y^2}$ , that is, by substituting

for  $\dot{y}$  it's value,  $\ddot{y} = \frac{y + \frac{y^3}{a^2 - y^2}}{a^2 - y^2} = \frac{a^2 y}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Now by writing for  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  these their values, in

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{-\ddot{y}}, \text{ (art. 74.) we have } \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{a^2 - y^2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{-a^2 y}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{-a^2 y} = -\frac{a}{y} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{the Radius}$$

of Curvature required: Where the Negative sign  
shews it's position.

*Construction.*

On the extremity of the subtangent, T, erect the perpendicular TE; and draw the right line BE perpendicular to the tangent TB: then will BE be the Radius of Curvature at the point B; or, the point E will be in the Evolute Curve. For, the triangles CBT and BTE will be similar; and therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $BC : CT :: TB : BE$ ,

that is,  $y : \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: a : \frac{a}{y} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = BE$ .

82. The General Expression for the Radius of Curvature found in *art. 74.* being only for Curves referred to an Axis; we shall now deduce one for *Spira's*, or those Curves whose ordinates are referred to a fixed or central Point.

83. Let CBY be the Curve; C the central point, or that from which all the ordinates issue; and BE the Radius of Curvature at the point B, that is, let the point E be supposed in the Evolute *Fig. Curve*; conceive Cb and Eb indefinitely near to 50. CB and EB, that is, let the points B and b be supposed indefinitely near to each other; and let CF and Cf be perpendicular to EB and Eb respectively: then will the points F and r be indefinitely near to a coincidence; and therefore, *art. 7.* Br and Cr may be taken as equal to BF and CF. Now, if with the ordinate CB, as a radius, the little circular arch Bn be described and considered as a little right line perpendicular to Cb; and the Increment Bb be considered as coinciding with a tangent to the point B; then, the little right-angled triangle Bnb will be similar to the right-angled triangle BFC; (for  $\angle CBn = \angle EBb$ ;



and therefore,  $\angle Ebn$  being common, the  $\angle CBF = \angle nBb$ ; and consequently, the angles at  $F$  and  $n$  being right,  $\angle BCF = \angle Bbn$ ; therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $bB : Bn :: CB : BF$ ; that is, (if we put the ordinate  $CB = y$ ,  $Bn = x'$ , and  $nb = y'$ , when by 47 E. 1.  $Bb$  will be  $= \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ),  $\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : x' ::$

$$y : \frac{xy}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = BF \text{ or } Br; \text{ and } Bb : bn :: BC$$

$$: CF, \text{ that is, } \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : y' :: y : \frac{y'}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = CF$$

or  $Cr$ ; the Increment of which is  $rf$ ; that is, (supposing  $x'$  to be invariable)

$$\frac{y'^2 + yy'' \times \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{y'y'' \times yy'}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}} =$$

$$\frac{x'^2 y'^2 + y'^4 + y x'^2 y''}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}} = rf. \text{ Again, the triangles}$$

$EBb$  and  $Erf$  being similar,  $Bb - rf : Bb ::$

$(BE - rE, \text{ or } rB : BE$ ; that is,  $\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$- \frac{x'^2 y'^2 + y'^4 + y x'^2 y''}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}} =) \frac{x'^4 + x'^2 y'^2 - y x'^2 y''}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}} :$$

$$\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \frac{x'y}{\overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} : \frac{y \times \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x'^3 + x'y'^2 - yx'y''} = BE;$$

$$\text{or, art. 7. } BE = \frac{y \times \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x'^3 + x'y'^2 - yx'y''}; \text{ which is a Ge-}$$

neral Expression for the Radius of Curvature of all Curves referred to a fixed or central Point, when  $x'$  or  $\dot{x}$  is invariable.



84. Hence, if  $\dot{x}$  be made  $= 1$ , the General Expression for the Radius of Curvature will be  $=$

$$\frac{y \times \sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2}}{1 + \dot{y}^2 - y\ddot{y}}. \text{—Wherefore, if we put the Equation}$$

of the given Spiral into Fluxions, (making  $\dot{x} = 1$ ,) and put this *fluxional* Equation into Fluxions again; and from thence, or from the nature of the curve, find the values of  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$ : then, if for  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  we substitute these their values, in this General Expression, we shall have BE the Radius of Curvature required: As in the following Examples.

### EXAMPLE I.

85. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point *Fig.*  
B in the *Spiral of Archimedes*, CB, &c\*. 51.

Put the circumference of the generating circle AF, &c.  $= a$ , and it's radius CA  $= b$ ; ordinate CB  $= y$ , arch AF  $= z$ . Let Cf be supposed indefinitely near to CF, that is, let the  $\angle$  FCf be supposed indefinitely small; and with the ordinate CB as a radius, describe the little circular arch Bn, which put  $= x'$ ; also, put Ff  $= z'$ . Now, by the nature of the curve,  $a : b :: z : y$ , or  $z = \frac{ay}{b}$ ,

the Fluxion of which equation is  $\dot{z} = \frac{a\dot{y}}{b}$ : and,

by the similar sectors CBn and CFf,  $y : x' :: b : z' =$

\* See how this Curve is generated, *art.* 39. *note.*

$\frac{bx'}{y}$ , or, *art. 7.*  $\dot{z} = \frac{b\dot{x}}{y}$ . Hence  $\frac{a\dot{y}}{b} = \frac{b\dot{x}}{y}$ ; that

is, (making  $\dot{x} = 1$ ,)  $\frac{a\dot{y}}{b} = \frac{b}{y}$ ; from which equa-

tion we have  $\dot{y} = \frac{b^2}{ay}$ ; therefore  $y^2 = \frac{b^4}{a^2y^2}$ , and  $\ddot{y}$

$= \frac{-ab^2\dot{y}}{a^2y^2} =$  (by writing for  $\dot{y}$  it's value,)  $\frac{-b^4}{a^2y^3}$ .

And, if we substitute for  $y^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  these their

values, we shall have  $\frac{y \times 1 + \dot{y}^2}{1 + y^2 - y\ddot{y}}^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (*art. 84.*) =

$$\frac{\left(y \times 1 + \frac{b^4}{a^2y^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1 + \frac{b^4}{a^2y^2} + \frac{b^4}{a^2y^2}} = \frac{a^2y^2 + b^4}{a^3y^2 + 2ab^4}^{\frac{3}{2}} = \text{BE, the Radius of}$$

Curvature sought.

### Construction.

Through the center **C** draw the indefinite right line **Hv** perpendicular to the ordinate **CB**; draw the tangent **TB**, perpendicular to which draw **BH**; produce **BC** to **V**, making **BR = TH**, and **RV = CH**: with **BV** and **BR**, as radii, describe the arches **Vv** and **Rr**, draw the right line **vB**; and from the intersecting point **r** draw **rE** parallel to **vH**: then will **BE** be the Radius of Curvature at the point **B**. For, (*art. 39.*) **CT** =

$\frac{yz}{v}$ , that is, by substituting  $\frac{ay}{b}$  for  $z$ , **CT** =  $\frac{ay^2}{b^2}$ ;

and by 3 and 4 E. 6.  $TC : CB :: CB : CH$ , that is,  $\frac{ay^2}{b^2} : y :: y : \frac{b^2}{a} = CH$ ; therefore  $TH = BR =$

$$Br = \frac{ay^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a}, \text{ and } BV = Bv = \frac{ay^2}{b^2} + \frac{2b^2}{a} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{by 47 E. 1. } HB = \overline{BC^2 + CH^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = y^2 + \frac{b^4}{a^2} =$$

$$\frac{a^2 y^2 + b^4}{a}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ Again, by 4 E. 6. } Bv : BH :: Br : BE,$$

$$\text{that is, } \frac{ay^2}{b^2} + \frac{2b^2}{a} : \frac{a^2 y^2 + b^4}{a}^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \frac{ay^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a} :$$

$$\frac{a^2 y^2 + b^4}{a}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{a^2 y^2 + b^4}{a^2 y^2 + 2b^4} = \frac{a^2 y^2 + b^4}{a^3 y^2 + 2ab^4}^{\frac{3}{2}} = BE.$$

## EXAMPLE II.

86. To find the Radius of Curvature at any point *B* in the *Logarithmic Spiral* *CBY*; whose Equation (putting the ordinate  $CB = y$ , curve  $CB = z$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  for two given quantities,) is  $az = by$ . (See *art.* 40.) Fig. 52

The Fluxion of the equation of the curve is  $az = by$ ; therefore  $\dot{z} = \frac{b\dot{y}}{a}$ . Let the angle  $BCb$  be

supposed indefinitely small; and with the ordinate  $CB$ , as a radius, let the little circular arch  $Bn$  be described. Now, if we consider  $Bn$  as a little right

line perpendicular to  $Cb$ , and  $Bb$  as a little right line coinciding with a tangent to the point  $B$ ;

then, by 47 E. I.  $Bb = \overline{Bz + nb^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is, (putting  $Bz = x'$ ,  $nb = y'$ , and  $Bb = z'$ ),  $z' = \overline{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , or, by substituting the Fluxion for the

Increment,  $\dot{z} = \overline{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is, (if we put  $\dot{x} =$

1,)  $\dot{z} = \overline{1 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence  $\frac{b\dot{y}}{a} = \overline{1 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which

equation squared is  $\frac{b^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2} = 1 + \dot{y}^2$ ; and this pro-

duces  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2 - a^2}$ ; therefore,  $\dot{y} = \frac{a}{(b^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ;

and, this being an invariable quantity, therefore  $\ddot{y} = 0$ . Now, by writing for  $\dot{y}^2$  and  $\ddot{y}$  these their values, the general expression for the Radius of

Curvature, viz.  $\frac{y \times \overline{1 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1 + \dot{y}^2 - y\ddot{y}}$  art. 84. will become

$$= \frac{y \times \overline{1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2 - a^2}}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2 - a^2} - 0} = y \times \overline{\frac{b^2}{b^2 - a^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = y \times$$

$\frac{b}{\overline{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = BE$ , the Radius of Curvature required.

### Construction.

Draw the tangent  $TB$ ; perpendicular to which draw the right line  $BE$ , terminated by the sub-



tangent TC produced: then will the point E be in the Evolute curve; or, the right line BE will be the Radius of Curvature at the point B. For then (TE being perpendicular to the ordinate CB,) by 8 E. 6. the triangles CTB and CBE will be similar; and therefore, by 4 E. 6.  $CT:TB :: CB:BE$ ; that is, (because by *art.* 40.  $CT:TB ::$

$$\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}:b, \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}:b :: y:y \times \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = BE.$$

## CHAPTER VII.

*Of finding the Nature of the Evolute of a given Involute Curve.*

As it is absolutely necessary for the Learner to be well acquainted with the foregoing Chapter before he enters upon this, we shall not here define the meaning of Evolute and Involute curves, it being sufficiently explained therein.

87. Let BE be the Radius of Evolution (or Curvature) at any point B in the Involute curve AB, whose absciss is  $AC = x$ , and ordinate  $CB = y$ . Parallel to HA draw EN; produce BC to L; and, equal and parallel to CL, draw DN from the vertex of the Evolute DE. Then will the triangles BHC and BEL be similar; and therefore, by

*Fig.*  
53.

4 E. 6. BH : HC :: BE : EL, that is, (by *art.* 72

and 7.)  $\frac{y}{x} \times \overline{x^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} : \frac{y\dot{y}}{x} :: \frac{\overline{x^2 + y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x\ddot{y}} : y \times$

$\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x\ddot{y}} = EL$ ; and HC : CB :: EL : LB, that

is,  $\frac{y\dot{y}}{x} : y :: y \times \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x\ddot{y}} : \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\ddot{y}} = LB$ . Now,

these are General Expressions for EL and LB, when  $\dot{x}$  is considered as invariable, and the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  as negative. Hence therefore,

88. If  $\dot{x} = 1$ , and the Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$  be negative; the General Expression for BL will be  $= \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}}$ , and this multiplied by  $\dot{y}$  is  $\dot{y} \times \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}} =$

the General Expression for LE. Now, by help of the Equation of the given Involute curve, exterminate  $\dot{y}$ ,  $\dot{y}^2$ , and  $\ddot{y}$ , out of these expressions, as in the preceding Chapter; and, by *art.* 75. find the vertical distance AD. Then, if we put the absciss of the Evolute DN =  $u$ , and it's ordinate NE =  $v$ ; by help of these two equations,  $u = BL - BC$ , and  $v = AC - AD + LE$ , we may get the Nature of the Evolute curve DE required.

89. *Note.* If the given Involute be convex towards it's axis, and,  $x$  and  $y$  increase together, or the Fluxions of  $x$  and  $y$  be both affirmative; then, the General Expressions for BL and LE will be  $\frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{-\ddot{y}}$  and  $\dot{y} \times \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{-\ddot{y}}$  respectively; wherein, the Negative sign shews, that, the points L

and E must be taken on the Concave side of the Involute curve, that is, on the other side of it with regard to  $x$  and  $y$ .

EXAMPLE I.

90. To find the Nature of the Curve DE, by whose Evolution the *Parabola* AB is described.

Put  $AC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ ; and  $DN = u$ ,  $NE = v$ . Now, (by *art.* 76.)  $\dot{y} = \frac{a}{2 \times \overline{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ,  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{a}{4x}$ ,

and  $\ddot{y} = \frac{a^2}{4 \times \overline{ax}^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ ; which values of  $\dot{y}$ ,  $\dot{y}^2$ , and  $\ddot{y}$ , being substituted for them, make the General Expression for BL, *viz.*  $\frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}}$  (*art.* 88.) become

$$= \frac{1 + \frac{a}{4x} \times 4 \cdot \overline{ax}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^2} = \frac{\overline{4x + a \times ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a}; \text{ and}$$

that for LE, *viz.*  $\dot{y} \times \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}} = \dot{y} \times \text{BL} = \frac{a}{2 \times \overline{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{\overline{4x + a \times ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a} = 2x + \frac{1}{2} a$ . Hence,

$$u (= \text{BL} - \text{BC}) = \frac{\overline{4x + a \times ax}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a} - (y \text{ or } \overline{ax})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4x \cdot ax}}{a}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \text{ and (because by art. 77. the vertical}$$

distance AD is  $= \frac{1}{2}a$ ,)  $v (= AC - AD + LE)$   
 $= x - \frac{1}{2}a + 2x + \frac{1}{2}a = 3x$ . Now, the former

of these two equations produces  $x^3 = \frac{au^2}{16}$ ; and,

the cube of the latter, divided by 27, is  $x^3 = \frac{v^3}{27}$ : therefore,  $\frac{au^2}{16} = \frac{v^3}{27}$ , and  $\frac{27a}{16} u^2 = v^3$ ;

which is the equation of the Curve DE, expressing the relation between the absciss and ordinate; and, the Equation of the Semicubical Parabola (whose

parameter is  $\frac{27a}{16}$ ), being the same; therefore,

the Evolute DE is a *Semicubical Parabola*, whose vertex is D.

## EXAMPLE II.

Fig.  
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91. To find the Nature of the Curve AEP, by whose Evolution the *Cycloid* ABD is described.\*

Put  $AC=x$ ,  $CB=y$ , arch  $FG=z$ , and OD or OF

$$= a; \text{ then (art. 78.) } y = \frac{\sqrt{2ay - y^2}}{y}^{\frac{1}{2}} y^2 = \frac{2ay - y^2}{y^2},$$

\* See in what manner a *Cycloid* is generated, art. 35, note.



and  $\ddot{y} = \frac{a}{y^2}$ : wherefore, (*art.* 88.)  $BL = \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{\ddot{y}} =$

$$\frac{1 + \frac{2ay - y^2}{y^2} \times y^2}{a} = 2y, \text{ and } LE = \dot{y} \times BL =$$

$$\frac{(2ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y} \times 2y = 2 \cdot \overline{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ Hence, if we}$$

put the absciss  $AN = u$ , and ordinate  $NE = v$ , we have  $u (= BL - CB =) 2y - y = y$ , and  $v$

$$= (AC + LE =) x + \overline{2 \cdot 2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ that is,}$$

$$(\text{because, } \textit{art. 78. } x = z - \overline{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}), \quad v = z$$

$$+ \overline{2ay - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ or, (writing } u \text{ for } y \text{ it's equal,)} \quad v$$

$$= z + \overline{2au - u^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ Wherefore, the Evolute}$$

curve AEP is a Cycloid, and equal to the given

Cycloid ABD. For, let  $AS = SV = a$ , then

( $AN$  being  $= FI$ .)  $AT = FG = z$ , and  $NT =$

$$\overline{2au - u^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = IG; \text{ and therefore } AT + TN = z$$

$$+ \overline{2au - u^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ that is, } AT + TN = NE; \text{ which}$$

is the property of the Cycloid: therefore, the Evo-

lute AEP is a Cycloid; and, because  $AV = FD$ ,

therefore the Cycloids AEP and ABD are equal.

### EXAMPLE III.

92. To find the Nature of the Evolute of the Curve AD, whose Tangent BT is every-where equal to a given line  $= a$ .

*Fig.*  
55.

Let BE be the Radius of Curvature at the point B; then (*art.* 81.) if a perpendicular be erected

on the point T, it will pass through the point E; wherefore, when the point T coincides with F, that is, when the tangent and ordinate become equal or the points B and D coincide, the point E will likewise coincide with D: consequently, the Vertex of the Evolute coincides with that of the Involute.

Put  $GF = b$ ,  $GC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ ,  $DN = u$ , and  $NE = v$ ; then, (*art.* 81.)  $\dot{y} = \frac{y}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \ddot{y} = \frac{\dot{y}^2}{a^2 - y^2}$ , and  $\ddot{y} = \frac{a^2 y}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ : wherefore, (*art.* 89.)  $BL = \frac{1 + \dot{y}^2}{-\ddot{y}} = 1 + \frac{y^2}{a^2 - y^2} \times -\frac{\overline{a^2 - y^2}^2}{a^2 y} = \frac{a^2 - y^2}{-y}$ , and  $LE = \dot{y} \times BL = \frac{y}{\overline{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{a^2 - y^2}{-y} = -\overline{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; that is, (because the Negative sign only shews that the points L and E must be taken on the Concave side of the Involute curve DA,)  $BL = \frac{a^2 - y^2}{y}$ , and  $LE = \overline{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence we have  $u = (LB + BC - DF =) \frac{a^2 - y^2}{y} + y - a$ , which equation gives  $y = \frac{a^2}{u + a}$ , and therefore  $\dot{y} = -\frac{a^2 \dot{u}}{u + a}^2$ ; also,  $v = (GF - GC + CT =) b - x + \overline{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and there-

fore  $\dot{v} = -\dot{x} - \frac{y\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$  (because by *art.* 81.

CT =  $\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}} = a^2 - y^2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , or,  $\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{y}}{y} \times a^2 - y^2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .)

$$-\frac{\dot{y}}{y} \times a^2 - y^2^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{y\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-a^2\dot{y}}{y \times a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

that is, (by writing for  $y$  and  $\dot{y}$  their above values

affected with  $u$  and  $\dot{u}$ .)  $\dot{v} = \frac{a\dot{u}}{u^2 + 2au}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which is

an Equation for the Evolute DE, and is also an Equation of the *Catenary* curve: therefore, the Evolute DE is the *Catenary*.\*

Or, The above Equation of the Evolute may be found thus.—Let  $En = u'$ , and  $ne = v'$ ; then, the triangles  $enE$  and  $TBE$  being similar, we have, by 4 E. 6.  $en : nE :: TB : BE$ , that is,  $v' : u' ::$

$a : \frac{a\dot{u}'}{\dot{v}} = BE$ , or (*art.* 7.)  $\frac{a\dot{u}}{\dot{v}} = BE$ ; but, by

47 E. 1.  $BE = \overline{ET^2 - TB^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is, (because

$ET = NF = u + a$ .)  $BE = \overline{(u + a)^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \overline{u^2 + 2au}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ : therefore,  $\frac{a\dot{u}}{\dot{v}} = \overline{u^2 + 2au}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $\dot{v} =$

$$\frac{a\dot{u}}{\overline{u^2 + 2au}^{\frac{1}{2}}}; \text{ as before.}$$

SCHO.

\* The *Catenary* is a Curve, as ADB or *adb*, formed by a flexible line or chain hanging freely from two points of suspension, A and B, or *a* and *b*, whether the said points be horizontal or not. Fig. 56.

## SCHOLIUM.

93. The Evolute of a *Spiral*, or indeed of any other Curve, may be described, by finding the Radii of Curvature at several points in the Involute: for then we shall have as many points in the Evolute; through which, if a Curve line be drawn, it will be the Evolute sought.



## PART II.

## CHAP. I.

*Of Infinite Series\*.*

AS the learner may, perhaps, be unacquainted with *Infinite Series*, the knowledge of which is sometimes absolutely necessary, in order to find the *Fluents* (or flowing quantities) of *Fluxions* expressed in a Fractional manner, and of such wherein there are Surds or Radical quantities; and, because in some of the following pages the *Fluents* of such *Fluxional* expressions are to be found; the adding of this Chapter may therefore not be improper, though it is, in some measure, foreign to the business in hand.

PROB.

\* The Methods of reducing compound expressions into *Infinite Series*, by division and extracting of roots, as taught in this Chapter, were invented by the great Inventor of *Fluxions* about the year 1664; who at the same time, or rather a little before, invented the celebrated *Binomial Theorem*.

## PROBLEM. I.

To reduce a compound Fractional expression into an *Infinite Series*; that is, into a number of terms, which, if infinitely continued, shall be equal to the given fractional expression.

## EXAMPLE I.

94. To reduce  $\frac{b}{a+x}$  into an *Infinite Series*.

Place the denominator  $a+x$  as a divisor, and the numerator  $b$  as a dividend; and divide, as in common algebraic division, until you have 4, 5, 6, or more terms in the Quotient; after which you may find as many terms as you please, by only considering the *law* of the progression of the terms already found. Thus, the four first terms being  $\frac{b}{a} - \frac{bx}{a^2} + \frac{bx^2}{a^3} - \frac{bx^3}{a^4}$ , (see the operation below,)

the *law* of the continuation of the division, or of the *Series*, is plain; for each Succeeding term is evidently produced by multiplying the Preceding by  $-\frac{x}{a}$ ; and consequently, the fifth term will

be  $+\frac{bx^4}{a^5}$ , the sixth term  $-\frac{bx^5}{a^6}$ , &c.

Operation.

$$a + x)b \dots \left( \frac{b}{a} - \frac{bx}{a^2} + \frac{bx^2}{a^3} - \frac{bx^3}{a^4} + \text{Ec.} \right)$$

$$b + \frac{bx}{a}$$

$$\circ - \frac{bx}{a}$$

$$- \frac{bx}{a} - \frac{bx^2}{a^2}$$

$$\circ + \frac{bx^2}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{bx^2}{a^2} + \frac{bx^3}{a^3}$$

$$\circ - \frac{bx^3}{a^3}$$

$$- \frac{bx^3}{a^3} - \frac{bx^4}{a^4}$$

$$\circ + \frac{bx^4}{a^4}$$

Ec.

Or, If we put  $x$  before  $a$ , in the denominator of the above fractional expression; that is, if the divisor be placed thus,  $x + a$ , instead of  $a + x$ ;

then the Quotient, or Series, will be  $\frac{b}{x} - \frac{ba}{x^2} +$

$\frac{ba^2}{x^3} - \frac{ba^3}{x^4} + \text{Ec.}$  Whence, the law of the

continuation of the *Series* may be observed as before.

### SCHOLIUM.

95. In General, in order to have a *true* or *converging* Series, or that in which the terms continually Decrease, the Greatest term must be placed first. Thus, in the above Example, if  $a$  be greater than  $x$ ; then  $a$  must be the first term in the divisor, and  $\frac{b}{a} - \frac{bx}{a^2} + \frac{bx^2}{a^3} - \frac{bx^3}{a^4} + \&c.$  will be the *true* Series: But if  $x$  be greater than  $a$ ; then  $x$  must be the first term in the divisor, and  $\frac{7}{x} - \frac{ba}{x^2} + \frac{ba^2}{x^3} - \frac{ba^3}{x^4} + \&c.$  will be the *true* Series; the other, then, being a *diverging* one, the terms in it continually Increasing; and consequently the farther you go in the *Series* the farther it will be from the truth.

Though it is impossible to take any number of terms in the *Series* that shall *truly* express the value of the quantity given; yet, in general, a few of the leading terms will be near enough the truth for any purpose.

### EXAMPLE II.

96. To reduce  $\frac{a^2}{a^2 + 2ax + x^2}$  into an *Infinite Series*.



### Operation.

$$\begin{array}{r} a^3 + 2ax + x^2 a^2 \dots \left(1 - \frac{2x}{a} + \frac{3x^2}{a^2} - \frac{4x^3}{a^3} + \xi^5 c\right) \\ \hline a^2 + 2ax + x^2 \\ \hline 0 - 2ax - x^2 \\ \hline -2ax - 4x^2 - \frac{2x^3}{a} \\ \hline 0 + 3x^2 + \frac{2x^3}{a} \\ \hline 3x^2 + \frac{6x^3}{a} + \frac{3x^4}{a^2} \\ \hline 0 - \frac{4x^3}{a} - \frac{3x^4}{a^2} \\ \hline -\frac{4x^3}{a^2} - \frac{8x^4}{a^3} - \frac{4x^5}{a^4} \\ \hline 0 + \frac{5x^4}{a^2} + \frac{4x^5}{a^3} \end{array}$$

Now, from these four terms of the series it is easy to see the *law* of the continuation is such, that, the numerators are the powers of  $x$ , whose Indices are 1 less than the numbers of the terms to which they respectively belong, multiplied by the said numbers; that, the denominators are the powers of  $a$ , whose Indices are the same with those of the numerators; and that, the signs of the terms

are alternately changed. So that, the 5th term is  $+\frac{5x^4}{a^4}$ , the 6th term is  $-\frac{6x^5}{a^5}$ ; and so on.

## PROBLEM. II.

To reduce a compound Surd quantity into an *Infinite Series*; that is, to free a compound expression from Surds by throwing it into a number of decreasing terms, which if infinitely continued, shall be equal to the quantity given.

### EXAMPLE I.

97. To reduce  $a^2 + 4y^2$  into an *Infinite Series*.

Take the square root of  $a^2$ , which is  $a$ , for the First term of the *Series*; (see the Operation below;) then, this squared and subtracted from  $a^2 + 4y^2$ , leaves  $4y^2$ ; and this remainder divided by the double of the first term, (as in the common arithmetical extraction of the square root,) viz. by  $2a$ , gives  $+\frac{2y^2}{a}$  for the Second term of the *Series*; which, with the double of the first term, being multiplied by  $\frac{2y^2}{a}$  the said second term, gives  $4y^2$   $+\frac{4y^4}{a^2}$ , and this subtracted from  $4y^2$  leaves  $-\frac{4y^4}{a^2}$ , which divided by the double of the two

first terms of the Series, viz. by  $2a + \frac{4y^2}{a}$ , gives—

$\frac{2y^4}{a^3}$  for the Third term of the Series; which, with

the double of the two first terms, viz.  $2a + \frac{4y^2}{a}$

being multiplied by  $-\frac{2y^4}{a^3}$  the said third term,

gives  $-\frac{4y^4}{a^2} - \frac{8y^6}{a^4} + \frac{4y^8}{a^6}$ , and this subtracted

from  $-\frac{4y^4}{a^2}$  leaves  $\frac{8y^6}{a^4} - \frac{4y^8}{a^6}$ , which divided by the

double of the three first terms of the Series already

found, viz. by  $2a + \frac{4y^2}{a} - \frac{4y^4}{a^3}$ , gives  $+\frac{4y^6}{a^5}$  for

the Fourth term of the Series.—After the same manner may be found any number of terms in the Series: And, when the *law* of the progression, or of the continuation of the Series, is discovered, the terms may be continued on at pleasure.

Operation.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 y^2 + 4y^2(a + \frac{2y^2}{a} - \frac{2y^4}{a^3} + \frac{4y^6}{a^5} - \dots) \\
 \hline
 2a) 0 + 4y^2 \\
 \quad 4y^2 + \frac{4y^4}{a^2} \\
 \quad \hline
 2a + \frac{4y^3}{a} ) 0 - \frac{4y^4}{a^2} \\
 \quad - \frac{4y^4}{a^2} - \frac{8y^6}{a^4} + \frac{4y^8}{a^6} \\
 \quad \hline
 2a + \frac{4y^3}{a} - \frac{4y^4}{a^3} ) 0 + \frac{8y^6}{a^4} - \frac{4y^8}{a^6} \\
 \quad \frac{4y^3}{a} - \frac{4y^4}{a^3} + \frac{16y^6}{a^5} - \frac{16y^{10}}{a^9} + \frac{16y^{12}}{a^{10}} \\
 \quad \hline
 2a) 0 - \frac{20y^8}{a^6} + \frac{16y^{10}}{a^8} - \frac{16y^{12}}{a^{10}}
 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE II.

98. To reduce  $\frac{1}{1 - x - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  into an Infinite Series.

Operation.



Operation.

$$1 - x - x^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{5x^2}{8} - \frac{5x^3}{16} - \text{&c.} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{I} \\
 2 \overline{) 0 - x - x^2} \\
 \underline{- x + \frac{x^2}{4}} \\
 2 - x \overline{) 0 - \frac{5x^2}{4}} \\
 \underline{- \frac{5x^2}{4} + \frac{5x^3}{8} + \frac{25x^4}{64}} \\
 2 - x - \frac{5x^2}{4} \overline{) 0 - \frac{5x^3}{8} - \frac{25x^4}{64}} \\
 \underline{- \frac{5x^3}{8} + \frac{5x^4}{16} + \frac{25x^5}{64} + \frac{25x^6}{256}} \\
 0 - \frac{45x^4}{64} - \frac{25x^5}{64} - \frac{25x^6}{256} \\
 \text{&c.}
 \end{array}$$

So that  $\overline{1 - x - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{5x^2}{8} -$

$$\frac{5x^3}{16} - \text{&c.}$$

AND, after the same manner may any such common Surd quantity be reduced into an *Infinite Series*: But, with much greater ease and expedition.

99. ALL sorts of *fractional* and *surd* Quantities may be reduced into *Infinite Series* by the celebrated

## BINOMIAL THEOREM\*,

which is this, viz.  $\overline{P + PQ}^{\frac{m}{n}} = P^{\frac{m}{n}} + \frac{m}{n} AQ +$

$$\frac{m-n}{2n} BQ + \frac{m-2n}{3n} CQ + \frac{m-3n}{4n} DQ + \frac{m-4n}{5n} EQ +$$

&c. Wherein,  $P + PQ$  represents the Quantity whose Power is to be thrown into an *Infinite Series*;  $P$  the First term of that quantity, which, in general, must be the Greatest;  $Q$  the Other, or Rest

of the terms, divided by the First;  $\frac{m}{n}$  the Index

of the power, whether it be affirmative or negative: and  $A =$  the First term of the *Series*,  $B =$  the Second,  $C =$  the Third,  $D =$  the Fourth,  $E =$

the Fifth, &c. that is,  $A = P^{\frac{m}{n}}$ ,  $B = \frac{m}{n} AQ$ ,  $C =$

$$\frac{m-n}{2n} BQ, D = \frac{m-2n}{3n} CQ, E = \frac{m-3n}{4n} DQ,$$

&c.

The following Examples will explain, and shew the great Use of this curious and noble Theorem.

## EXAMPLE I.

100. To reduce  $\overline{a^2 + 4y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  into an *Infinite Series*.

Here,  $P = a^2$ ,  $Q = \frac{4y^2}{a^2}$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $n = 2$ ,  $A = a$ ,

\* The Truth of this Theorem has been demonstrated by various Writers; the Proof of it is therefore here omitted.

$$B = \frac{2y^2}{a}, C = -\frac{2y^4}{a^3}, D = \frac{4y^6}{a^5}, E = -\frac{10y^8}{a^7},$$

$$\&c. \text{ Therefore, } \sqrt{a^2 + 4y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = a + \frac{2y^2}{a} - \frac{2y^4}{a^3} + \frac{4y^6}{a^5} - \frac{10y^8}{a^7}, \&c.$$

EXAMPLE II.

101. To reduce  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is,  $\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , into an *Infinite Series*.

$$\text{Here, } P = a^2, Q = -\frac{y^2}{a^2}, m = -1, n = 2,$$

$$A = a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}, B = \frac{y^2}{2a^3}, C = \frac{3y^4}{8a^5}, D = \frac{5y^6}{16a^7}, E =$$

$$\frac{35y^8}{128a^9}, \&c. \text{ Therefore, } \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{y^2}{2a^3}$$

$$+ \frac{3y^4}{8a^5} + \frac{5y^6}{16a^7} + \frac{35y^8}{128a^9}, \&c.$$

EXAMPLE III.

102. To reduce  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ , that is,  $\sqrt{1-x}^{-1}$ , into an *Infinite Series*.

$$\text{Here, } P = 1, Q = -x, m = -1, n = 1,$$

$A = 1, B = x, C = x^2, D = x^3, E = x^4, \&c.$   
 Therefore,  $\overline{1 - x}^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4, \&c.$

## EXAMPLE IV.

103. To reduce  $\frac{1}{1+x}$ , that is,  $\overline{1+x}^{-1}$ , into an  
*Infinite Series.*

Here,  $P = 1, Q = x, m = -1, n = 1, A = 1,$   
 $B = -x, C = x^2, D = -x^3, E = x^4, \&c.$  There-  
 fore,  $\overline{1+x}^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4, \&c.$

104. BUT, we may often find the *Series* an-  
 swering to a proposed Quantity by the following

## THEOREM,

$$\text{viz. } \overline{P + PQ}^{\frac{m}{n}} = P^{\frac{m}{n}} \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{m}{n} Q + \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n} \right. \\
\times Q^2 + \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n} \times \frac{m-2n}{3n} Q^3 + \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n} \times \\
\left. \frac{m-2n}{3n} \times \frac{m-3n}{4n} Q^4 + \&c. \right\} \text{ (which, indeed, is}$$

the same as the former, though differently express-  
 ed,) with still greater ease and expedition; for,  
 in this, no previous deduction is required; and  
 both the numerators and denominators of the

fractions  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{m-n}{2n}, \frac{m-2n}{3n}, \frac{m-3n}{4n}, \&c.$  are Se-  
 ries of numbers in arithmetical progression, which



have the same common difference  $n$ . This will appear by the following Examples.—But, *note*, the Former Theorem is, in general, best adapted to shew the *Law* of the Series.

EXAMPLE I.

105. To reduce  $\frac{1}{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , that is,  $\overline{a^2 + x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , into an *Infinite Series*.

Here,  $P = a^2$ ,  $Q = \frac{x^2}{a^2}$ ,  $m = -1$ ,  $n = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{a} \times : 1 - \frac{x^2}{2a^2} + \frac{3 \cdot x^4}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot a^4} \\ &- \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot x^6}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot a^6} + \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x^8}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot a^8} - \text{&c.} = \frac{1}{a} - \frac{x^2}{2a^3} + \frac{x^4}{8a^5} \\ &- \frac{5x^6}{16a^7} + \frac{35x^8}{128a^9} - \text{&c.} \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE II.

106. To reduce  $\overline{a + x}^{\frac{5}{3}}$  into an *Infinite Series*.

Here,  $P = a$ ,  $Q = \frac{x}{a}$ ,  $m = 5$ ,  $n = 3$ . There-

$$\text{fore, } \overline{a + x}^{\frac{5}{3}} = a^{\frac{5}{3}} \times : 1 + \frac{5 \cdot x}{3 \cdot a} + \frac{5 \cdot 2 \cdot x^2}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot a^2} +$$

$$\frac{5 \cdot 2 \cdot -1 \cdot x^3}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \cdot a^3} + \frac{5 \cdot 2 \cdot -1 \cdot -4 \cdot x^4}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \cdot 12 \cdot a^4} + \mathcal{E}c. = a^{\frac{5}{3}} +$$

$$\frac{5a^{\frac{2}{3}}x}{3} + \frac{5x^2}{9a^{\frac{1}{3}}} - \frac{5x^3}{81a^{\frac{4}{3}}} + \frac{5x^4}{243a^{\frac{7}{3}}}, \mathcal{E}c.$$

## EXAMPLE III.

107. To reduce  $\frac{b}{a+x}$ , that is,  $b \times \overline{a+x}^{-1}$ , into an *Infinite Series*.

Here,  $P = a$ ,  $Q = \frac{x}{a}$ ,  $m = -1$ ,  $n = 1$ ; and

therefore,  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n}, \frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n} \times \frac{m-2n}{3n},$

$\frac{m}{n} \times \frac{m-n}{2n} \times \frac{m-2n}{3n} \times \frac{m-3n}{4n}, \mathcal{E}c.$  will be  $-1$

and  $+1$  alternately; and consequently  $b \times \overline{a+x}^{-1}$

is  $= b \times \frac{1}{a} \times : 1 - \frac{x}{a} + \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^3}{a^3} + \frac{x^4}{a^4} - \mathcal{E}c. =$

$\frac{b}{a} - \frac{bx}{a^2} + \frac{bx^2}{a^3} - \frac{bx^3}{a^4} + \frac{bx^4}{a^5} - \mathcal{E}c.$

## EXAMPLE IV.

108. To reduce  $\overline{1-x}^{\frac{1}{4}}$  into an *Infinite Series*.

Here,  $P=1$ ,  $Q=-x$ ,  $m=1$   $n=4$ . Therefore,

$\overline{1-x}^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1 - \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1 \cdot -3}{4 \cdot 8}x^2 - \frac{1 \cdot -3 \cdot -7}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12}x^3$

$$+ \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12 \cdot 16} x^4 - \mathcal{E}c. = 1 - \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{3}{4 \cdot 8} x^2 + \frac{3 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} x^3 - \frac{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12 \cdot 16} x^4 - \mathcal{E}c.$$

SCHOLIUM.

THE Sum of any Infinite geometrical series decreasing, is equal to the square of the first term divided by the difference between the first and second.

Thus,  $a + x + \frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{x^3}{a^2} + \mathcal{E}c.$  is  $= \frac{a^2}{a-x}$ ; and

$a - x + \frac{x^2}{a} - \frac{x^3}{a^2} + \mathcal{E}c.$  is  $= \frac{a^2}{a+x}$ . For, (art. 94.)

if  $a^2$  be divided by  $a - x$ , and by  $a + x$ , the Quotients will be these infinite series of Terms decreasing in geometrical proportion continued.

CHAP. II.

*Of finding the Fluent of a given Fluxion.*

109. THE Business of the *Direct* Method of Fluxions being to find the Fluxion of a given Fluent, or the Velocity with which a Variable

quantity flows at any point or term assigned; so the Business of the *Inverse* Method of Fluxions is to determine the Variable quantity, or Fluent, from that Velocity or Fluxion being given. And this, in General, may be done by the following *Rules*, these being the converse of those delivered in *Part 1. Chap. 2.*\*

### RULE I.

110. To find the Fluent of a Simple Fluxion, or of that wherein there is no variable quantity and but One Fluxional letter.

SUBSTITUTE the variable or flowing letter for its Fluxion: and you will have the Fluent required.

Thus, the Fluent of  $a\dot{x}$  is  $= ax$ . (*art. 14.*)

### RULE II.

111. To find the Fluent of a compound fluxional expression consisting of the products of two or more flowing quantities drawn into their Fluxions; that is, which consists of the Fluxion of each quantity drawn into the other or product of the rest of the quantities.

\* To treat at large on the different ways for finding the *Fluents* of the unbounded variety of Fluxional Expressions, would, by far, exceed the limits of an *introductory* Tract: this affair therefore cannot, with propriety, be handled here in so very extensive and copious a manner.



MULTIPLY the flowing quantities together: and the Product is the Fluent required.

Thus, the fluent of  $\dot{x}y + x\dot{y}$  is  $= xy$ ; the Fluent of  $\dot{x}yz + x\dot{y}z + xy\dot{z}$  is  $= xyz$ ; and the Fluent of  $\dot{u}xyz + u\dot{x}yz + ux\dot{y}z + uxy\dot{z}$  is  $= uxyz$ . (art. 15.)

### RULE III\*.

112. To find the Fluent of a Fraction like

$$\frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{y^2}$$

DIVIDE the last term in the numerator by the Fluxion of the Negative square root of the denominator; then divide this quotient by the Affirmative square root of the denominator: and you will have the Fluent required.

Thus, the Fluent of  $\frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{y^2}$  is  $= \frac{x}{y}$ . (art. 17.)

### RULE IV.

113. To find the Fluent of an expression compounded of different fluxionary terms connected together by the Signs + and —.

FIND the separate Fluents of the different terms; which connect together by the Signs of their respective Fluxions: and you will have the Fluent required.

\* This Rule must be used with caution, as it is not applicable to fractional expressions in general.

Thus, the Fluent of  $ax + xy + xy - \frac{xy - xy}{y^2}$   
 is  $= ax + xy - \frac{x}{y}$ . (art. 19.)

### RULE V.

114. To find the Fluent of an expression which consists of the Fluxion of a variable quantity drawn into any Power of that quantity contained any number of times\*.

1°. In Simple Expressions,——Strike out the *fluxional* letter; add 1 to the Index of the Power; and divide by the Index thus increased: and you will have the Fluent required.

Thus, the Fluent of  $2x^2\dot{x}$  is equal  $\frac{2}{3}x^3$ ; the Fluent of  $-\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2}$ , that is, of  $-x^{-2}\dot{x}$ , is  $= -x^{-2} + 1$

divided by  $-2 + 1$ , that is,  $= \frac{-x^{-1}}{-1} = x^{-1} =$

$\frac{1}{x}$ . And, Universally, the Fluent of  $mx^{m-1}\dot{x}$  is

$= x^m$ ; and the Fluent of  $\frac{m^{m-1}}{n} \dot{x}$  is  $= x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ .

2°. In Compound Expressions,——where the *fluxionary* part is equal, or in an invariable ratio, to the Fluxion of the quantity under the vinculum, Add 1 to the Index of the Power; and divide by

\* The Rule fails when the Index of the Power is  $-1$ . To find the Fluent then, see Rule 6.

the Fluxion of the quantity under the vinculum, drawn into the Index of the Power thus increased: and you will have the Fluent required.

Thus, the Fluent of  $\overline{x + x^2}^2 \times \overline{3x + 6xx}$  is  $= \frac{\overline{x + x^2}^3 \times \overline{3x + 6xx}}{3 \times \dot{x} + 2x\dot{x}} = \overline{x + x^2}^3$ ; and

the Fluent of  $-\frac{2}{3} \times \overline{x - a}^{-\frac{5}{3}} \times \dot{x}$  is  $= \frac{-\frac{2}{3} \times \overline{x - a}^{-\frac{5}{3}} + 1 \times \dot{x}}{-\frac{5}{3} + 1 \times \dot{x}} = \frac{-\frac{2}{3} \times \overline{x - a}^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x}}{-\frac{2}{3} \dot{x}} = \overline{x - a}^{-\frac{2}{3}}. \text{ (art. 20)}$

# RULE VI.

115. To find the Fluent of a compound fluxional expression, like  $\frac{b}{a + x} \dot{x}$ ; or  $\frac{b\dot{x}}{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; &c.

1°. Throw the expression into an infinite Series; and find the fluent of the Series by the foregoing Rules: and you will have the Fluent required.

Thus, to find the Fluent of  $\frac{b}{a + x} \dot{x}$ ; throw the expression into a Series; which (art. 94.) is  $= \frac{b\dot{x}}{a} - \frac{bx\dot{x}}{a^2} + \frac{bx^2\dot{x}}{a^3} - \frac{bx^3\dot{x}}{a^4} + \&c.$  and then find the Fluent of this Series; which, by the preceding

Rules, is  $= \frac{bx}{a} - \frac{bx^2}{2a^2} + \frac{bx^3}{3a^3} - \frac{bx^4}{4a^4} + \mathcal{E}c.$  and is the Fluent required.

And, to find the Fluent of  $\frac{b\dot{x}}{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; throw the expression into a Series; which, (*art.* 105.) is  $= b\dot{x} \times : \frac{1}{a} - \frac{x^2}{2a^3} + \frac{3x^4}{8a^5} - \frac{5x^6}{16a^7} + \mathcal{E}c. =$   
 $\frac{b\dot{x}}{a} - \frac{bx^2\dot{x}}{2a^3} + \frac{3bx^4\dot{x}}{8a^5} - \frac{5bx^6\dot{x}}{16a^7} + \mathcal{E}c.$  Now, the Fluent of this Series, by the foregoing Rules, is  $= \frac{bx}{a} - \frac{bx^3}{6a^3} + \frac{3bx^5}{40a^5} - \frac{5bx^7}{112a^7} + \mathcal{E}c.$  which is the Fluent required.

2°. Or, Because (*art.* 21.) the Fluxion of the Hyperbolic Logarithm of any quantity is equal to the Fluxion of that quantity, divided by the quantity itself; therefore,

The Fluent of  $b \times \frac{\dot{x}}{a+x}$  is  $= b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a+x.$  For, the Fluxion of  $a+x$  is  $\dot{x}$ , which divided by  $a+x$  is  $\frac{\dot{x}}{a+x}.$

And the Fluent of  $b \times \frac{\dot{x}}{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$  For, the Fluxion of  $x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $\dot{x} + \frac{x\dot{x}}{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$



$$\frac{\dot{x} \times \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + x\dot{x}}{\overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\dot{x}}{\overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times : x + \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

which divided by  $x + \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $\frac{\dot{x}}{\overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ . &c.

### SCHOLIUM.

116. THOUGH the Fluxion of any Fluent, how much soever compounded it be, may be accurately found; yet, the Fluents of compounded Fluxional expressions cannot always be had in finite terms.

117. THOUGH no Fluent can have more than One Fluxion; yet, a Fluxion may have an Infinite number of Fluents. Thus, for Example, the Fluent of  $\dot{x}$  may be either  $x$  or  $x \pm a$ ; wherein,  $a$  represents any invariable quantity whatsoever.—Now, to find  $a$ , when it must be added to or taken from the Fluent  $x$ , is called *correcting* the Fluent: And to effect this; in any Equation, after having obtained the Fluent of each side by the foregoing Rules; make the variable letter in either of them vanish, or equal to nothing; and substitute for the variable letter in the other, such a determinate or invariable value as it is then known to have: or, for the variable quantities, write such invariable or fixed values as they are respectively known to have at any particular point or term. Then, if we subtract the sides of this new Equation from the corresponding Fluents before found; the remaining Fluents will be Contemporary, or always equal to each other; and consequently, we shall then have the correct Fluent sought deter-

mined.—This affair may, perhaps, be better understood by giving the following Examples.

*Example 1.*

To find the correct Fluent of  $y = 2xx$ .

The Fluent of this equation, by *art. 114.* is  $y = x^2$ . Now, when  $y = 0$ , if  $x = 0$ ; then,  $y - 0 = x^2 - 0$ , or  $x = y^{\frac{1}{2}}$ : therefore, the Fluent first found needs no correction.

*Example 2.*

To find the correct Fluent of  $ax - 2xx = 2yy$ .

The Fluent of this equation, by *art. 114.* is  $ax - x^2 = y^2$ . Now, when  $y$  ends, or when  $y = 0$ , if  $x$  be  $= a$ ; then, substituting 0 for  $y$ , and  $a$  for  $x$ , the fluential equation will become  $a^2 - a^2 = 0$ , that is  $0 = 0$ : therefore, the Fluent first found needs no correction.

*Example 3.*

To find the Correct Fluent of  $z = ay$ .

The Fluent of this equation, by *art. 110.* is  $z = ay$ . Now, if  $y$  be  $= b$  when  $z$  is  $= 0$ ; then, by writing in this fluential equation 0 for  $z$  and  $b$  for  $y$ , it will become  $0 = ab$ : therefore,  $ay$  is always  $ab$  greater than  $z$ ; and consequently, the Fluent corrected is  $z = ay - ab$ .

Example 4.

To find the Correct Fluent of  $\dot{y} = -\frac{\dot{x}}{a+x}^{-3} \times 2\dot{x}$ .

The Fluent of this equation, by art. 114. is

$$y = \frac{-\frac{\dot{x}}{a+x}^{-2} \times 2\dot{x}}{-2\dot{x}} = \frac{\dot{x}}{a+x}^{-2} = \frac{1}{(a+x)^2}.$$

Now, if  $y = 0$  when  $x = 0$ ; then, this fluential equation will become  $0 = \frac{1}{a^2}$ : and therefore,  $y$

is always less than  $\frac{1}{(a+x)^2}$  by the quantity  $\frac{1}{a^2}$ :

consequently, the Contemporary Fluents will be

$$y = \frac{1}{(a+x)^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}.$$

Example 5.

To find the Correct Fluent of  $\dot{z} = b \times \frac{\dot{x}}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

The Fluxion of the Hyp. Log. of  $x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$  is

$\dot{z} = \frac{\dot{x}}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  (art. 21. or 115.) therefore, the

Fluent, of  $\dot{z} = b \times \frac{\dot{x}}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $z = b \times \text{Hyp.}$

Log. of  $x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ . Now, when  $z = 0$ , if  $x$  be likewise  $= 0$ , this Fluent will then become

$0 = b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a$ ; which subtracted from the said Fluent, makes the Correct Fluent, or *true* value of  $z = b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a$  (which, by the Nature of Logarithms, is,)  $= b \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } \frac{x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a}$ .

### *Example 6.*

To find the Correct Fluent of  $ax - bx^2 = yy$ :

The Fluent of this equation (*art. 114.*) is  $ax - \frac{1}{2}bx^2 = \frac{1}{2}y^2$ . Now, if  $x = c$  when  $y = d$ ; then, substituting  $c$  for  $x$  and  $d$  for  $y$ , the equation will be  $ac - \frac{1}{2}bc^2 = \frac{1}{2}d^2$ ; and therefore, by subtracting the corresponding sides of this equation from the above, we shall have the Correct or Contemporary Fluents  $ax - \frac{1}{2}bx^2 - ac + \frac{1}{2}bc^2 = \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}d^2$ .

## CHAP. III.

### *Of finding the Length of a Curve Line.*

*Fig.* 118. In Curves referred to an Axis, (*fig. 57.*)  
 57. let  $cb$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  
 58. the ordinate  $CB$ , and  $Bn$  equal and parallel to  $Cc$   
 the Increment of the absciss  $AC$ : And in curves



referred to a fixed or central Point, (*fig. 58.*) let  $bC$  be supposed indefinitely near to  $BC$ , and the indefinitely little circular arch  $Bn$  be described with the ordinate or radius  $CB$ . Put  $AC$  (*fig. 57.*)  $= x$ ,  $CB = y$ , curve  $AB = z$ ;  $Bn = x'$ ,  $nb = y'$ , and  $Bb = z'$ : then, (the Increment  $Bb$  being considered as a little right line,) by 47 E. 1.  $Bb = \sqrt{Bn^2 + nb^2}$ , that is,  $z' = \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , or (*art. 7.*)  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Put the ordinate  $CB$  (*fig. 58.*)  $= y$ , curve  $CPB = z$ ,  $Bn = x'$ ,  $nb = y'$ , and  $Bb = z'$ : then, (because  $Bb$  may be considered as an indefinitely small right line, and  $Bn$  as a little right line perpendicular to  $Cb$ ,) as before,  $z' = \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  or  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . And this is a General Expression for the Fluxion of the Length of any Curve Line whatsoever.\* Now, by help of the Equation or Properties of the given Curve whose Length is required, we may find the value of  $\dot{x}^2$  in terms of  $\dot{y}^2$ , or of  $\dot{y}^2$  in terms of  $\dot{x}^2$ ; and then, by substitution,  $\dot{x}^2$  or  $\dot{y}^2$  in this General Expression will be exterminated: and by finding the Fluent of the resulting equation, we shall have the value of  $z$ , or the Length of the Curve required.

EXAMPLE I.

119. To find the Length of the Curve  $AB = z$ , whose Equation (putting the given line  $AG = \frac{2}{3}a$ ,  $GC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ .) is  $2 \times \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3a^2y$ .

The same expression may be derived, without the help of Increments, from *art. 24* and *38*.

The Fluxion of this equation is  $3 \times \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2 \dot{x} = 3a^2 \dot{y}$ ; therefore,  $\dot{y} = \frac{2x\dot{x}}{3a^2} \times 3 \times \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2x\dot{x}}{a^2} \times \overline{a^2 + x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{4x^2 \dot{x}^2}{a^4}$   
 $\overline{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{4a^2 x^2 \dot{x}^2 + 4x^4 \dot{x}^2}{a^4}$ ; which substituted for  $\dot{y}^2$ , makes  $\dot{z} = \overline{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (art. 118.) =  
 $\frac{a^2 \dot{x} + 2x^2 \dot{x}}{a^2} =$  the Fluxion of the Curve AB, whose Fluent is  $z = \frac{a^2 x + \frac{2}{3} x^3}{a^2} = x + \frac{2x^3}{3a^2} =$  the Length of the Curve AB required.

## EXAMPLE II.

120. To find the Length of the common *Cycloid*.\*

Fig.  
60.

Put OA or OF the radius of the generating circle =  $a$ , absciss AC =  $x$ , ordinate CB =  $y$ , CG =  $s$ , and arch AB =  $z$ ; then, (as was found in art.

35.)  $\dot{y} = \frac{2a - x}{s} \dot{x}$ , and therefore  $\dot{y}^2 = \frac{(2a - x)^2}{s^2} \dot{x}^2$ ; which substituted for  $\dot{y}^2$ , makes the general

\* See the generation of this Curve, art. 35. note.

expression for the Fluxion of the Curve (*art.*

$$118.) \dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \dot{x}^2 + \frac{2a - x^2}{s^2} x^2 \Big)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$$\frac{s^3 \dot{x}^2 + 4a^2 \dot{x}^2 - 4ax\dot{x}^2 + x^2 \dot{x}^2}{s^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ that is, (be-}$$

cause by 35 E. 3.  $GC^2 = AC \times CF$ , or  $s^2 =$

$$2ax - x^2,) \dot{z} = \frac{4a^2 \dot{x}^2 - 2ax\dot{x}^2}{2ax - x^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2a\dot{x}^2}{x}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$2a)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}$ ; and the Fluent of this is  $z = 2a)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\times 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \times 2ax)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$  twice the chord AG; (for,  
the triangles FAG and GAC being similar, FA :  
AG :: GA : AC, or  $\overline{FA \times AC}^{\frac{1}{2}} = AG$ , that is,  
 $\overline{2ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} = AG$ .) Whence, by writing  $2a$  for  $x$ , the  
Length of the Semicycloid AD appears to be equal  
to twice the diameter AF of it's generating Semi-  
circle.

### EXAMPLE III.

121. To find the Length of a *Parabola*.

Put the parameter =  $a$ , abscis AC =  $x$ , ordi-  
nate CB =  $y$ , and curve AB =  $z$ ; then (*art. Fig.*  
28.)  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}$ , and therefore  $x^2 = \frac{4y^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2}$ ; which 61.

substituted for  $\dot{x}^2$ , makes  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (the gene-  
ral expression for the Fluxion o the Length of the

Curve, *art.* 118.)  $= \frac{4y^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2} + \dot{y}^2 \Big)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\dot{y}}{a} \times \overline{a^2 + 4y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}};$

which, thrown into an Infinite Series, (*art.* 100.)

is  $= \frac{\dot{y}}{a} \times : a + \frac{2y^2}{a} - \frac{2y^4}{a^3} + \frac{4y^6}{a^5} - \mathcal{E}c.$  that

is,  $\dot{z} = \dot{y} + \frac{2y^2 \dot{y}}{a^2} - \frac{2y^4 \dot{y}}{a^4} + \frac{4y^6 \dot{y}}{a^6} - \mathcal{E}c.$  And

the Fluent of this Series is  $z = y + \frac{2y^3}{3a^2} - \frac{2y^5}{5a^4} +$

$\frac{4y^7}{7a^6} - \mathcal{E}c. =$  the Length of the Curve AB required.

Or, The above  $\dot{z} = \frac{\dot{y}}{a} \times \overline{a^2 + 4y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $=$

$$\frac{\dot{y} \times \overline{a^2 + 4y^2}}{a \times \overline{a^2 + 4y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a^2 y \dot{y} + 4y^3 \dot{y}}{a \times \overline{a^2 y^2 + 4y^4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} a^2 y \dot{y} + 4y^3 \dot{y}}{a \times \overline{a^2 y^2 + 4y^4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$+ \frac{\frac{1}{2} a^2 \dot{y}}{a \times \overline{a^2 + 4y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{a} \times \overline{a^2 y^2 + 4y^4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{\frac{1}{2} a^2 y \dot{y} + 4y^3 \dot{y} + \frac{1}{4} a \times \frac{\dot{y}}{\overline{a^2 + 4y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + y^3}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ Now, (art.}$$

114.) the Fluent of the first of these two terms is

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \times \overline{a^2 y^2 + 4y^4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{y}{a} \times \overline{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \text{ and}$$

the Fluent of the last of the said two terms (*art.*

$$115.) \text{ is } = \frac{1}{4} a \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } y + \overline{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}};$$

$$\text{therefore, } z = \frac{y}{a} \times \overline{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + y^2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4} a \times \text{Hyp.}$$



Log. of  $y + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . But, since when  $z$  and  $y$  vanish or become  $= 0$ , (as at the vertex  $A$ ,) this Fluent becomes  $= \frac{1}{4}a \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } \frac{1}{2}a$ ; therefore the said Fluent being Corrected (*art. 117. Ex. 5.*) makes the *true* value of  $z$  or the Length of the

$$\text{Curve } AB = \frac{y}{a} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4}a \times \text{Hyp.}$$

$$\text{Log. of } y + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{4}a \times \text{Hyp. Log. of}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}a = \frac{y}{a} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4}a \times \text{Hyp. Log. of}$$

$$\frac{y + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}a}, \text{ by the Nature of Logarithms.}$$

#### EXAMPLE IV.

122. To find the Length of any Arch of a Circle.

Put the radius  $EA = a$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , arch  $AB = z$ : then, (*art. 27.*)  $\dot{x}$  Fig. 62.

$$= \frac{y\dot{y}}{a - x} = (\text{because } a - x = CE = \sqrt{EB^2 - BC^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{y\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \text{ therefore } \dot{x}^2 = \frac{y^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2 - y^2};$$

which substituted for  $\dot{x}^2$ , makes  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (the general expression for the Fluxion of the Length

$$\text{of the Curve, } \textit{art. 118.}) = \sqrt{\frac{y^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2 - y^2} + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

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$$\left( \frac{y^2 + y^2 \dot{y}^2}{a^2 - y^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\frac{a\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = a\dot{y} \times \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which thrown into an  
 Infinite Series (art. 101.) is  $z = a\dot{y} \times \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{y^2}{2a^3} + \frac{3y^4}{8a^5} + \frac{5y^6}{16a^7} + \frac{35y^8}{128a^9} + \frac{63y^{10}}{256a^{11}} + \frac{231y^{12}}{1024a^{13}} + \frac{429y^{14}}{2048a^{15}} + \right.$   
 $\mathcal{E}c. = \dot{y} + \frac{y^2 \dot{y}}{2a^2} + \frac{3y^4 \dot{y}}{8a^4} + \frac{5y^6 \dot{y}}{16a^6} + \frac{35y^8 \dot{y}}{128a^8} + \frac{63y^{10} \dot{y}}{256a^{10}}$   
 $\left. + \frac{231y^{12} \dot{y}}{1024a^{12}} + \frac{429y^{14} \dot{y}}{2048a^{14}} + \mathcal{E}c. \right.$  And the Fluent of  
 this Series (art. 114.) is  $z = y + \frac{y^3}{6a^2} + \frac{3y^5}{40a^4} + \frac{5y^7}{112a^6} + \frac{35y^9}{1152a^8} + \frac{63y^{11}}{2816a^{10}} + \frac{231y^{13}}{13312a^{12}} + \frac{143y^{15}}{10240a^{14}}$   
 $+ \mathcal{E}c. = \text{the Length of the Arch AB.}$

Now, if we suppose the radius  $EA = a = 1$ ,  
 and the  $\angle AEB = 30^\circ$ . then, (because the sine of  
 any arch is equal to half the chord of twice that  
 arch, and the chord of  $60^\circ$ . is equal to the radius,) the sine, or ordinate  $CB = y$ , will be  $= \frac{1}{2}$ ; and  
 therefore, the terms of the above Fluent being  
 reduced into Decimal Fractions, and placed under  
 one another, will stand thus: viz.

.500000000  $\mathcal{E}c.$

.020833333

.002343750

.000348772

.000059339

.000010923

.000002118

.000000426  $\mathcal{E}c.$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{The sum of} \} & \text{---} & \text{the Length of} \\
 \text{which is} \} & .5235987 \text{ } \mathcal{E}^c. = & \text{the Arch AB:} \\
 \text{which } \times \text{ by} & \text{---} & \\
 & . . . . . 12 & \\
 & \text{---} & \\
 \text{is} & 6.283185 \text{ } \mathcal{E}^c. = & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the Periphery of} \\ \text{a Circle whose} \\ \text{Radius is 1;} \end{array} \right. \\
 \text{therefore} & 3.141592 \text{ } \mathcal{E}^c. = & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the Periphery of} \\ \text{a Circle whose} \\ \text{Diameter is 1.} \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE V.

123. To find the Length of any Arch of *Archimedes's Spiral*\*.

Put CA the radius of the generating circle =  $b$ , *Fig.*  
 and ARA the circumference of it =  $a$ ; also, put 63.  
 the ordinate CB =  $y$ , the length of the required  
 arch CPB =  $z$ , and a circular arch whose radius is  
 the ordinate CB =  $x$ . Then, (as was found in

*art.* 39.)  $\dot{x} = \frac{ay\dot{y}}{b^2}$ , and therefore  $\dot{x}^2 = \frac{a^2y^2\dot{y}^2}{b^4}$ ;

which substituted for  $\dot{x}^2$ , makes the general expref-  
 sion for the Fluxion of the Curve, viz.  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}$   $^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$(\text{art. 118.}) = \sqrt{\frac{a^2y^2\dot{y}^2}{b^4} + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\dot{y}}{b^2} \times \sqrt{a^2y^2 + b^4}$$

$$= \frac{\dot{y} \times \sqrt{a^2y^2 + b^4}}{b^2 \times \sqrt{a^2y^2 + b^4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a^2y\dot{y} + b^4\dot{y}}{b^2 \times a^2y^4 + b^4y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

\* See how this Curve is generated, *art.* 39. *note.*

$$\frac{a^2 y^3 \dot{y} + \frac{1}{2} b^4 y \dot{y}}{b^2 \times a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{\frac{3}{2} b^4 \dot{y}}{b^2 \times a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{b^2} \times$$

$$a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times a^2 y^3 \dot{y} + \frac{1}{2} b^4 y \dot{y} + \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \frac{a \dot{y}}{a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Now, the Fluent of the first of these two terms is found by *art.* 114.  $= \frac{1}{2b^2} \times a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; and the

Fluent of the last is found by *art.* 115.  $= \frac{b^2}{2a} \times$

Hyp. Log. of  $ay + a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; therefore  $z =$

$$\frac{1}{2b^2} \times a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } ay +$$

$a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ : but, when  $z$  and  $y$  are  $= 0$ , as at the

point C, this equation becomes  $0 = \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp.}$

Log. of  $b^2$ ; and therefore, the Fluent Corrected,

(*art.* 117.) makes the *true* value of  $z = \frac{1}{2b^2} \times$

$$a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } ay + a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$- \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } b^2 = (\text{by the Nature of Lo-}$$

garithms; the Difference of the Logarithms of any two Numbers being equal to the Logarithm of their

$$\text{Quotient;}) \frac{1}{2b^2} \times a^2 y^4 + b^4 y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp.}$$

$$\text{Log. of } \frac{ay + a^2 y^2 + b^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{b^2} = \text{the Length of the}$$



Arch CPB required. And therefore, by substituting the radius  $b$  for the ordinate  $y$ , we shall have the Length of the whole Spiral CPBA  $= \frac{1}{2} \times \overline{a^2 + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{b^2}{2a} \times \text{Hyp. Log: of } \frac{a + \overline{a^2 + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{b}$ .

# CHAPTER IV.

## Of finding the Areas of Curvilinear Spaces.

124. IN Curves whose ordinates are referred to an Axis (*fig. 64*) let  $bc$  be conceived indefinitely near and parallel to the perpendicular ordinate  $BC$ , and  $Bn$  equal and parallel to  $Cc$  the Increment of the absciss  $AC$ : then, because  $bn$  bears no assignable ratio to  $BC$ ,  $bc$  may be taken as equal to  $BC$  or  $nc$ ; and the trapezium  $BCcb$  as equal to the parallelogram  $BCcn$ : but,  $BCcb$  is the Moment or Increment of the curvilinear space  $ABC$ , that is, (if we put  $AC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ , and  $Cc = x'$ ,) the Moment or Increment of the Space  $ABC$  is  $= yx'$  and therefore, (*art. 7.*) the Fluxion of it is  $= y\dot{x}$ . — In like manner, in Spirals, or those Curves whose ordinates are referred to a fixed or central Point (*fig. 65.*) let  $bC$  be conceived indefinitely near to the ordinate  $BC$ , and the little circular arch  $Bn$  (whose radius is  $CB$ ,) be supposed a little right line

perpendicular to  $bC$ : then,  $bn$  having less than any assignable ratio to  $nC$ ,  $BCn$  may be considered as equal to  $BCb$  the Moment or Increment of the curvilinear Space  $BPCB$ ; that is, (if we put  $CB = y$ , and  $Bn = x'$ ,) the Moment or Increment of the Space  $CPBC$  is  $= \frac{1}{2} yx'$ , or it's Fluxion  $= \frac{1}{2} y\dot{x}$ .

Or, Let the curvilinear space  $AEI$  and parallelogram  $AG$  (*fig. 64.*) be generated by the perpendicular and indefinite right line  $AF$  moving with a parallel motion from  $A$  along the axis  $AE$ ; then, it is evident, the curvilinear space will increase slower or flow with a less degree of velocity, than the parallelogram, before the said generating line arrives at the term  $CB$ ; and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity: therefore, at the said term, they will flow with one and the same degree of velocity: that is, at the term  $CB$ , the Fluxions of the curvilinear space and parallelogram will be equal: But, it is plain, the Fluxion of the parallelogram, at the term  $CB$ , is equal to  $DA$  or  $BC$  drawn into the Fluxion of  $AC$ ; therefore, the Fluxion of the curvilinear space  $ACB$  is equal to the ordinate  $CB$  drawn into the Fluxion of the absciss  $AC$ ; that is, (putting  $AC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ,) the Fluxion of the curvilinear Space  $ACB$  is  $= y\dot{x}$ .—In *fig. 65.* let the curvilinear space  $CPIC$  be generated by the variable right line  $CF$  turning round the center  $C$ ; and, at the same time, let the sector  $CDGC$  be described by the radius  $CD$ ; then, it is plain, before the line  $CF$  comes to be in the situation  $CB$ , the spiral space will increase slower or flow with a less degree of velocity, than the circular space or sector  $CDG$ ; and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity: therefore at

the term CB, they will increase or flow with an equal degree of velocity. But, it is evident, the velocity with which the sector enlarges, is equal to half it's radius drawn into the velocity with which it's arch is described; therefore, the velocity with which the curvilinear space CPBC is increased, at the term CB, is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  CB drawn into the velocity of the point D or B moving along the arch DG at the point B; that is, the Fluxion of the said curvilinear space is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  CB drawn into the Fluxion of the circular arch DB; or (putting the ordinate CB =  $y$ , and arch DB =  $x$ ,) the Fluxion of the curvilinear Space CPBC is =  $\frac{1}{2} y \dot{x}$ ; as before.

125. Wherefore, when the Curve is referred to an Axis, (*fig. 64.*) find the value of  $y$  in terms of  $x$ , by help of the Equation of the given Curve, which multiply by  $\dot{x}$ ; or, find the value of  $\dot{y}$  in terms of  $\dot{x}$ , which multiply by  $y$ : Then, the Fluent of the resulting fluxional expression will express the Area (or quadrature) of the curvilinear Space ABC required.—And, when the Curve is referred to a fixed or central Point C, (*fig. 65.*) find the value of  $\dot{x}$  in terms of  $\dot{y}$ , from the properties of the given curve: then multiply this value of  $\dot{x}$  by  $\frac{1}{2} y$ , and find the Fluent; and it will give the Area of the Space required. (*see the next page*)

EXAMPLE. I.

126. To find the Area of the Space ABCA; the Curve AB being a Parabola. *Fig. 66.*

Put the absciss AC =  $x$ , ordinate CB =  $y$ , and



the parameter = 1. Then, by the nature of the curve,  $x = y^2$ , or  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = y$ ; therefore,  $y\dot{x}$  (the Fluxion of the Area, *art.* 124.) =  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}\dot{x}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} =$  (by substituting  $y$  for  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  it's value,)  $\frac{2}{3}xy =$  the Area required.

Or, The Fluxion of the above equation of the curve, viz. of  $x = y^2$ , is  $\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; which, multiplied by  $y$ , makes the Fluxion of the Area, viz.  $y\dot{x}$  (*art.* 124.) =  $2y^2\dot{y}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{2}{3}y^3 =$  (by writing  $x$  for  $y^2$  it's value,)  $\frac{2}{3}xy$ ; as before.

### Corollary.

The Area of any Parabolic Space ABCA is equal to two-third-parts of it's circumscribing Parallelogram ADBC.

### EXAMPLE II.

*Fig.* 127. To find the Area of the Space ABCG; the  
67. property of the Curve AB being such, that it's Subtangent CT is invariable, or always of the same value. (See *art.* 80.)

Put the given Subtangent  $CT = a$ ,  $GA = b$ ,  
 $GC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ . Then, (*art.* 25.)  $a = \frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}}$

therefore,  $\dot{x} = \frac{a\dot{y}}{y}$ ; which multiplied by  $y$  makes  
the Fluxion of the Space, viz.  $y\dot{x}$  (*art.* 124.) =  $a\dot{y}$ ;



and the Fluent of this Fluxion is  $ay$ : But, when the area of the space is  $= 0$ . or  $y = b$ , this expression for the Fluent becomes  $= ab$ ; and therefore, (*art.* 117. *Ex.* 3.) the Fluent corrected is  $ay - ab = y - b \times a =$  the Area of the Space ABCG required.

### EXAMPLE III.

128. To find the Area of the Space CPBC; the *Fig.*  
Curve CPBA being the *Spiral of Archimedes*.\* 63.

Put the circumference of the generating circle  $ARA = a$ , and it's radius  $CA = b$ ; also, put the ordinate  $CB = y$ . Now, (as was found in *art.*

39.)  $\dot{x} = \frac{ay\dot{y}}{b^2}$ ; which equation multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}y$

makes the Fluxion of the Space, viz.  $\frac{1}{2}y\dot{x}$  (*art.* 124.)

$= \frac{ay\dot{y}}{b^2} \times \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{ay^2\dot{y}}{2b}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{ay^3}{6b^2}$

$=$  the Area of the Space required. And therefore by substituting  $b$  for  $y$ , we have the Area of the whole spiral Space CPBAC  $= \frac{1}{6}ab$ ; which, because the area of a circle is equal to it's periphery drawn into half the radius, is  $= \frac{1}{3}$  of the Area of the generating Circle.

### EXAMPLE IV.

129. To find the Area of the Space CPBC; the *Fig.*  
Curve CPB being the *Logarithmic Spiral*.† 68.

\* See the generation of this Curve, *art.* 39. *note*.

† See the generation of this Curve, *art.* 40. *note*.

Put the ordinate  $CB = y$ ; the length of the curve  $CPB = z$ ; a circular arch, whose radius is the ordinate  $CB, = x$ ; and let two given quantities  $a$  and  $b$ , be to each other in the ratio of  $y$  to  $z$ .

Then, (as was found in *art.* 40.)  $\dot{x} = \dot{y} \times \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a}$ ;

which, multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}y$ , makes  $\frac{1}{2}y\dot{x}$  (the general expression for the Fluxion of the Area, *art.* 124.)

$= \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2a}^{\frac{1}{2}} y\dot{y}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{b^2 - a^2}{4a}^{\frac{1}{2}} y^2$

$y^2 =$  the Area of the Space CPBC required.

#### EXAMPLE V.

Fig.  
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130. To find the Area of the Space CHBRC; the Curve being a *Spiral* generated by a point moving uniformly along the semicircle CDA, from C to A, while the said semicircle makes one uniform revolution round the point C as a center.\*

Put the radius  $EC = a$ , arch  $CRB = v$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , and arch  $DB = x$ . Then (*art.* 41.)

$\dot{x} = \frac{4y\dot{y}}{4a^2 - y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; which, multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}y$ , makes  $\frac{1}{2}y\dot{x}$

(viz. the Fluxion of the Area, *art.* 114; for any space generated by the arch  $CRB$  is equal to that

\* This curve was invented Anno 1756.

described by the ordinate CB;)  $= \frac{2y^3 \dot{y}}{4a^2 - y^2} =$   
 $\frac{2y^3 \dot{y}}{4a^2 y^2 - y^4} = \frac{-4a^2 y \dot{y} + 2y^3 \dot{y}}{4a^2 y^2 - y^4} + \frac{4a^2 \dot{y}}{4a^2 - y^2}$   
 $= (\text{because, art. 41. } \dot{v} = \frac{2a \dot{y}}{4a^2 - y^2},)$   
 $4a^3 y^2 - y^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 4a^2 y \dot{y} - 2y^3 \dot{y} + 2a \dot{v};$  the Flu-  
 ent of which (art. 114. 2°.) is  $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{4a^2 y^2 - y^4}{4a^2 y^2 - y^4} +$   
 $2a \dot{v} = 2a \dot{v} - y \times 4a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = GC \times CRB - CB \times$   
 $BG =$  four times the Area of the segment CRBC  
 $=$  the Area required. And, therefore, when the  
 point B arrives at G, that is, when  $y = 2a$ , the  
 Area of the whole spiral Space CHBLADC will be  
 equal to four times the Area of the generating  
 Semicircle.

## CHAP. V.

### *Of finding the Convex Superficies of Solids.*

LET the solid AIV be conceived to be generated by an enlarging or variable circle (whose increasing radius is the variable ordinate of the curve AI,) Fig. 71.

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moving with a parallel motion along the axis from A to E: then will the velocity with which it's convex superficies flows be equal to the periphery of the generating circle drawn into the velocity with which it moves along the curve AI; that is, the Fluxion of the said superficies, at any term HB, will be equal to the periphery of a circle, whose radius is the ordinate CB, drawn into the Fluxion of the curve at the point B.——This follows from *art.* 124. by considering the convex superficies as always equal to the area of a curvilineal figure whose absciss is equal to the curve AH, and the ordinate as equal to the circumference of the generating circle BH whose radius is CB.

131. Hence, if we put the absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , curve  $AB = z$ , and  $c = 6.28318$  &c. = the circumference of a circle whose radius is 1 (*art.* 122.); then, because  $cy$  = the circumference of a circle whose radius is the ordinate CB, and (*art.* 118.)  $\dot{z} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; the General Expression for the Fluxion of the Convex Superficies of any Solid ABH will be  $= cy\dot{z}$  or  $cy \times \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; out of which, by help of the Equation of the given Curve AB,  $x^2$  or  $y^2$ , &  $c$  may be exterminated; and then, the Fluent of the resulting expression will give the Convex Snperficies required: As in the following Examples.

#### EXAMPLE I.

132. To find the Superficies of a *Sphere*, or the Convex Superficies of any Segment of it.



Put the radius EA or FB =  $a$ , AC =  $x$ , CB Fig. 72. =  $y$ , and AB =  $z$ . Let Bn = Cc express the nascent or very first Moment of AC, nb of CB, and Bb of AB; that is, let Bn =  $x'$ , nb =  $y'$ , and Bb =  $z'$ ; then, Bb being considered as a little right line coinciding with a tangent to the point B, the triangles ECB and bnB will be alike: (for,  $\angle CBn = \angle Ebb =$  a right angle; therefore,  $\angle EBn$  being common,  $\angle CBE = \angle nbB$ ; and, the angles at C and n being right, the angles CEB and Bbn must be likewise equal; *ergo*, &c.) Wherefore, by 4 E. 6. EB : BC :: bB : Bn, that is,  $a : y :: z' : x'$ ;  $\therefore z' = \frac{ax'}{y}$ , or, (art. 7.)  $\dot{z} = \frac{ax}{y}$ ; which, substituted for  $\dot{z}$ , makes the general expression for the Fluxion of the Convex Superficies, viz.  $cy\dot{z}$  (art. 131.) =  $cy \times \frac{ax}{y} = cax$ ; the Fluent of which is  $cax$  = the Convex Superficies of the Segment ABH: And therefore, if for  $x$  be substituted  $2a$ , we shall have  $2ca^2$  = the Superficies of the whole Sphere.

### Corollaries.

1. The Convex Superficies of any Segment of a Sphere is equal to the periphery of a great circle of that Sphere multiplied into the altitude of the Segment.

2. The whole Surface or Superficies of any Sphere is equal to the periphery of it's greatest circle multiplied into it's diameter, or, equal to the Convex Superficies of it's circumscribing Cylinder.

## EXAMPLE II.

Fig. 133. To find the Convex Superficies of the *Right Cone* AIV, whose Altitude AE is given =  $a$  and base-diameter IV =  $b$ .

Put AC =  $x$ , and CB =  $y$ . Now, the triangles AEl and ACB being alike, by 4E. 6. AE : EI ::

AC : CB; that is,  $a : \frac{1}{2}b :: x : y$ ;  $\therefore x = \frac{2ay}{b}$ ;

the Fluxion of which equation is  $\dot{x} = \frac{2a\dot{y}}{b}$ ;  $\therefore \dot{x}^2$

=  $\frac{4a^2 \dot{y}^2}{b^2}$ ; which, substituted for  $\dot{x}^2$ , makes the general expression for the Fluxion of the Convex

Superficies, viz.  $cy \times \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (art. 131.) =  $cy \times$

$\sqrt{\frac{4a^2 \dot{y}^2}{b^2} + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{c}{b} \times \sqrt{4a^2 + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} y \dot{y}$ ; the Fluent of

which is  $\frac{c}{2b} \times \sqrt{4a^2 + b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} y^2 = \frac{cy^2}{b} \times \sqrt{a^2 + \frac{1}{4}b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$

(because by 47 E. 1. AI =  $\sqrt{AE^2 + EI^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$

$\sqrt{a^2 + \frac{1}{4}b^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ),  $\frac{cy^2}{b} \times AI =$  the Convex Superficies of

the Segment ABH: And by writing  $\frac{1}{2}b$  for  $y$  we have  $\frac{1}{4}cb \times IA =$  the Convex Superficies of the Cone AIV.

Corollary.

The Convex Superficies of any Right Cone is equal to half the circumference of it's base multiplied into it's slant height.

EXAMPLE III.

134. To find the Convex Superficies of the *Parabolic Conoid* ABH.

Put the parameter of the parabola =  $a$ ,  $AC = x$  and  $CB = y$ : then, by the nature of the curve,  $ax$  Fig. =  $y^2$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $a\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; 74.

therefore,  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}$ , and  $\dot{x}^2 = \frac{4y^2\dot{y}^2}{a^2}$ ; which, sub-

stituted for  $\dot{x}^2$ , makes the general expreffion for the Fluxion of the Convex Superficies, viz.  $cy \times \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(art. 131.) =  $cy \times \sqrt{\frac{4y^2\dot{y}^2}{a^2} + \dot{y}^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{c}{a} \times \sqrt{4y^2 + a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$y\dot{y}$ ; the Fluent of which (art. 114.) is  $\frac{c}{12a} \times$

$\sqrt{4y^2 + a^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}$ : But, at the vertex A, where  $y$ , vanishes or  $y = 0$ , this fluential expreffion becomes

=  $\frac{c}{12a} \times \sqrt{a^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{ca^2}{12}$ ; therefore, the Fluent corrected

(art. 117.) is =  $\frac{c}{12a} \times \sqrt{4y^2 + a^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{ca^2}{12}$  = the Convex Superficies of the Solid ABH required.

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*Of finding the Contents of Solids.*

135. LET  $bc$  be conceived indefinitely near and Fig. parallel to the variable ordinate BC; and Bn equal 75.



and parallel to  $Cc$  the Increment of the variable absciss  $AC$ . Now, because the little parallelogram  $BCcn$  is expressive of the Increment or Moment of the plane figure  $ABC$ , (*art.* 124.) therefore, if the solid  $AIV$  be conceived to be generated by the revolution of the curvilinear figure  $AEI$  round the axis  $AE$ , the indefinitely little cylinder generated by the said little parallelogram will express the Moment or Increment of the solid at the term  $BH$ ; and, because this Moment or Increment is equal to the area of the circle described by the ordinate  $CB$  drawn into the Increment of the absciss  $AC$ , therefore, (*art.* 7.) the Fluxion of the Solid, at the term  $BH$ , is equal to the area of a circle, whose radius is the ordinate  $CB$ , drawn into the Fluxion of the absciss  $AC$ .

Or, Let the cylinder  $LG$  be generated by the parallel motion of the circle  $LD$  along the line  $LN$ ; and, at the same time, the solid  $AIV$  by that of the concentric and variable circle  $ZF$ , which, at the vertex  $A$ , is supposed indefinitely small, and continually enlarges as it moves along the curve  $AI$ . Then, it is plain, the solid  $AIV$  will increase slower or flow with a less degree of velocity, than the cylinder  $LG$ , before the generating circles arrive at the term  $HB$ ; and afterwards faster, or with a greater degree of velocity: therefore, at the said term, (where the two generating circles become equal, or their peripheries coincide with each other,) they will increase, or flow, with the same or an equal degree of velocity. But, it is evident the velocity with which the cylinder flows is equal to the area of it's generating circle drawn into the velocity with which it moves along the line  $LN$ ; that is, the Fluxion of the cylinder, at the term



HB, is equal to the area of a circle, whose radius is CB, drawn into the Fluxion of the line LH or AC: Therefore, the Fluxion of the Solid AIV, at the term BH, is equal to the area of a circle, whose radius is the ordinate CB, drawn into the Fluxion of the absciss AC; as before.

136. Hence, if we put the absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , and  $c = 3.14159$  &c. = the semicircumference of a circle whose radius is 1 (*art. 122.*) then, the General Expression for the Fluxion of the Solid Content will be  $= cy^2 \dot{x}$ : out of which, by help of the Equation of the given Curve,  $\dot{x}$  or  $y^2$  may be exterminated; and then, by finding the Fluent of the resulting fluxional expression, we shall have the Content of the Solid ABH required.

### EXAMPLE I.

137 To find the Content of a *Sphere*, or of any *Segment* of it.

Put  $AC = x$ ,  $CB = y$ , and the diameter  $AD =$  *Fig.*  $a$ ; then, by 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CD = BC \times CH$ , that is,  $ax - x^2 = y^2$ ; therefore, by writing  $ax - x^2$  for  $y^2$ , the general expression for the Fluxion of the Solid Content viz.  $cy^2 \dot{x}$  (*art. 136.*) becomes  $= c\dot{x} \times \overline{ax - x^2} = cax\dot{x} - cx^2\dot{x}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{cax^2}{2} - \frac{cx^3}{3} = \frac{3cax^2 - 2cx^3}{6}$  = the Content of the Segment ABH: And therefore, if  $a$  be substituted

for  $x$ , we shall have  $\frac{3ca^3 - 2ca^3}{6} = \frac{1}{6} ca^3 =$  the

Content of the whole Sphere ABDH.

Hence, because four times the area of a great circle of the sphere is  $= ca^2$ , and the content of a cylinder circumscribing the sphere is  $= \frac{4}{3} ca^3$ , we have the following

*Corollary.*

The Content of any Sphere is equal to four times the area of it's greatest circle multiplied into  $\frac{1}{6}$ th part of it's axis, or, equal to two-third-parts of it's circumscribing cylinder.

EXAMPLE II.

Fig.  
74.

138. To find the Content of the *Parabolic Conoid* ABH, generated by the parabolic space ABC revolving round the axis AC.

Put the parameter  $= a$ ,  $AC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ; then, by the nature of the curve,  $ax = y^2$ . Now, by substituting  $ax$  for  $y^2$ , we have the general expression for the Fluxion of the Solid Content, viz.  $cy^2 \dot{x}$  (art. 136.)  $= cax\dot{x}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{1}{2} cax^2 =$  (by writing  $y^2$  for  $ax$ ),  $\frac{1}{2} cxy^2 =$  the Content of the Parabolic Conoid ABH required.

Or, the Fluxion of the equation of the curve, viz. of  $ax = y^2$ , is  $a\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$ ; therefore  $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}$ ;

which, substituted for  $\dot{x}$ , makes the general expression for the Fluxion of the Solid Content, viz.  $cy^2\dot{x}$  (art. 136.)  $= cy^2 \times \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a} = \frac{2cy^3\dot{y}}{a}$ ; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{cy^4}{2a}$  (by writing  $ax$  for  $y^2$ ;)  $\frac{1}{2} cxy^2 =$  the Solid Content; as before.

Corollary.

The Content of any Parabolic Conoid is equal to half of it's circumscribing Cylinder.

EXAMPLE III.

139. To find the Content of any Cone AIV whose base is a circle. Fig. 77.

Put the given altitude  $AE = a$ , and diameter  $VI = b$ . Let  $HB$  be parallel to  $VI$ ; and put  $AC = x$ , and  $c = .78539$  &c. = the area of a circle whose diameter is 1. Now, the triangles  $AVI$  and  $AHB$  being similar, by 4 E. 6.  $AE : VI :: AC : HB$ , that is,  $a : b :: x : \frac{bx}{a} = HB$ ; therefore, by

2 E. 12. the area of the circle  $HB$  is  $= \left( \frac{bx}{a} \right)^2 \times c = \frac{cb^3 x^2}{a^2}$ ; which (art. 135.) drawn into  $\dot{x}$  is  $\frac{cb^3 x^2 \dot{x}}{a^2} =$

the Fluxion of the Content of the Cone at the term CB; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{cb^2 x^3}{3a^2} =$  the Content of the Cone AHB: And, therefore, by substituting  $a$  for  $x$ , we have  $\frac{cb^2 a^3}{3a^2} = \frac{1}{3} cb^2 a =$  the Content of the Cone AVI required.

*Or.* Put the altitude  $AE = a$ , the area of the base  $VI = b$ , and  $AC = x$ : then, (because similar plane Figures are as the squares of their homologous sides,) we shall have  $a^2 : b :: x^2 : \frac{bx^2}{a^2} =$  the area of the section HB; which (*art.* 135.) drawn into  $\dot{x}$  is  $\frac{bx^2 \dot{x}}{a^2} =$  the Fluxion of the Cone AHB; the Fluent of which expression gives the Content of the said Cone  $= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{bx^3}{a^2}$ : And therefore, by writing  $a$  for  $x$ , we have the Content of the whole Cone AVI  $= \frac{1}{3} ab$ . Hence, because  $b$  may here stand for the area of the base of any Pyramid whatever, we have the following

### *Corollary.*

The Solid Content of any Cone, or Pyramid, is equal to the area of it's base multiplied into one-third-part of it's perpendicular altitude; that is, it is equal to one-third part of a Cylinder, or Prism, of the same altitude and base.



EXAMPLE IV.

140. To find the Content of the Solid ABH, generated by the *Cissoidal* Space ABC revolving round the axis AE.\*

Put the axis AE =  $a$ , absciss AC =  $x$ , and ordinate CB =  $y$ ; then, (as was found in art. 34.)

$x^3 = ay^2 - xy^2$ ; and therefore,  $y^2 = \frac{x^3}{a - x}$ ; which

substituted for  $y^2$ , makes the general expression for the Fluxion of the Solid Content, viz.  $cy^2 \dot{x}$  (art.

136.) =  $\frac{cx^3 \dot{x}}{a - x} = \frac{-cx^3 \dot{x}}{x - a} = -cx^2 \dot{x} - cax\dot{x} - ca^2 \dot{x}$

$-\frac{ca^3 \dot{x}}{x - a} = -cx^2 \dot{x} - cax\dot{x} - ca^2 \dot{x} - ca^3 \times \frac{-\dot{x}}{a - x}$ ; the

Fluent of which, (because art. 21. the Fluxion of the Hyp. Log. of  $a - x$  is  $\frac{-\dot{x}}{a - x}$ ,) is =  $-\frac{cx^3}{3}$

$-\frac{cax^2}{2} - ca^2 x - ca^3 \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a - x.$

But, when  $x = 0$ , (as at A,) this Fluent becomes =  $-ca^3 \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a$ : therefore, the Flu-

ent corrected (art. 117.) is =  $-\frac{cx^3}{3} - \frac{cax^2}{2} - ca^2 x$

$- ca^3 \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } a - x + ca^3 \times \text{Hyp.}$

\* See how a *Cissoid* is generated, art. 34. note.

Log. of  $a$  = (because the Difference of the Logarithms of any two numbers is equal to the Logarithm of their Quotient,) —  $cx \times \frac{2x^2 + 3ax + 6a^2}{-6}$

+  $ca^3 \times \text{Hyp. Log. of } \frac{a}{a-x}$  = the Content of the Solid ABH required.

*Corollary.*

When  $x = \frac{1}{2} a$ , the Content of the Solid will be  $= ca^3 \times -\frac{2}{3} + \text{Hyp. Log. of } 2 = ca^3 \times 0.02648 \text{ \&c.}$   
(See Part III. *Quest.* 9.)

## PART III.

## MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS,

With their *Incremental* and *Fluxional* SOLUTIONS.

## I.

In an *Ellipsis* ABD, whose Foci are the points F and K, if a right line Bt be drawn bisecting the angle FBK; then will the said line be perpendicular to the tangent TBG. *Quære* the Demonstration. Fig. 79.

Let the point  $b$  be supposed indefinitely near to B; and with the lines FB and Kb, as radii, describe the arches Bm and bn: then, if we consider the said arches as little right lines perpendicular to Fb and KB respectively, (because the Sum of the lines FB and KB is always the same invariable quantity, viz. = AD, and therefore the Increment  $mb$  = the Decrement  $nB$ ;) the right angled triangles Bn $\odot$  and bm $\odot$  will be equal and similar, as will therefore the right angled triangles Bmr and bnr; and therefore, if Bb, the Increment of the

curve AB, be supposed to coincide with the tangent BG, the angles  $rbB$  and  $rBb$  will be equal, that is,  $\angle FBT = \angle KBG$ . Therefore, the right line BT, which bisects the  $\angle FBK$ , makes the  $\angle tBT = \angle tBG =$  a Right angle. Q. E. D.

## II.

*Fig.* In an *Hyperbola* AB, whose Focus is the point F,  
*80.* and transverse Diameter is  $DA = KA - AF$ ; the right line  $tB$ , which bisects the angle KBF, is a tangent to the curve at the point B. *Quære* the Demonstration.

Suppose the point  $b$  indefinitely near to B, and describe the little arches  $Bm$  and  $Bn$  with the radii KB and FB. Now, because the Difference of the lines KB and FB is always the same invariable quantity, viz.  $= DA$ , the Increments  $mb$  and  $nb$  are equal; and therefore, if the arches  $Bm$  and  $Bn$  be considered as little right lines perpendicular to  $Kb$  and  $Fb$  respectively, and  $Bb$  (the Increment of the curve AB) as coinciding with the tangent; the little right angled triangles  $Bmb$  and  $Bnb$  will be equal and similar. Therefore, the right line  $tB$ , bisecting the angle KBF, is a tangent to the curve at the point B. Q. E. D.

## III.

*Fig.* In a *Parabola* AB, whose Focus is the point F, if  
*81.* a right line KB be drawn parallel to the axis, and the angle KBF be bisected by the right line



$\angle B$ ; then will this line be a tangent to the curve at the point B. *Quære* the Demonstration?

Let the indefinite right line LK be perpendicular to LF, and  $LA = AF$ ; draw  $kb$  indefinitely near and parallel to KB, and  $Bm$  equal and parallel to  $Kk$ ; and with FB, as a radius, describe the little arch  $Bn$ . Now, because the lines KB and FB are always equal to each other, the Increment  $mb$  is = the Increment  $nb$ ; and therefore, (the indefinitely small arch  $Bn$  being considered as a little right line perpendicular to  $Fb$ , and the Increment of the curve,  $Bb$ , as coinciding with the tangent,) the little right angled triangles  $Bmb$  and  $Bnb$  are equal and similar. Consequently, the right line  $\angle B$ , which bisects the angle KBF, is a tangent to the curve at the point B. Q. E. D.

#### IV.

*Quære* the Nature of the Curve APB?—supposing *Fig.*  
FP or CE, the distance of the parallel and inde- 82.  
finite right lines AC and PE, to be given; the  
right line AD to pass through the point P; and  
 $CE \times CD = CB^2$ .\*

Put  $CE = a$ , absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$   
and  $CD = z$ . Let  $cd$  be supposed indefinitely

\* To describe the Curve, or to find the Point B in the line CD through which it must pass — Produce CD to G, making  $DG = FP$ ; describe the semicircle GHC, and draw the perpendicular ordinate DH; lastly, make  $CB = DH$ ; then will B be the Point required. For, by 35 E. 3.  $GD \times DC = DH^2$ ; that is,  $EC \times CD = CB^2$ .

near and parallel to CD; and Dm, Bn, equal and parallel to Cc: and put  $nb = y'$ ;  $md = z'$ ; and suppose TB a tangent to the curve at the point B. Now, by 4 E. 6.  $DC : CA :: dm : mD$ ; that is,

$$z : x :: z' : \frac{xz'}{z} = Dm \text{ or } Bn; \text{ and } bn : nB :: BC :$$

$$CT, \text{ that is, } y' : \frac{xz'}{z} :: y : \frac{xyz'}{zy'} = CT, \text{ or (art. 7.)}$$

$$\frac{xyz}{zy} = CT. \text{ But, by the question given, } az = y^2; \text{ the Fluxion of which equation is } a\dot{z} = 2y\dot{y} :: \dot{z} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}; \text{ which, substituted for } \dot{z}, \text{ makes the above}$$

$$\text{value of the Subtangent } CT \text{ (viz. } \frac{xyz}{zy}) = \frac{2xy^2}{az} =$$

$$\text{(because } \frac{y^2}{az} = 1,) 2x. \text{ Therefore, (art. 28.) the}$$

curve AB is a *Parabola*, whose vertex is A.

### Corollary.

If F be the Focus; then, by the nature of the Parabola,  $PF = 2FA$ ; and therefore  $DC = 2CA = CT$ , that is,  $z = 2x$ .

### V.

*Fig.* 83. If TB be a Tangent to the given Curve AB; and another Curve AD be so described as that it's ordinate CD shall always be in a given ratio to the corresponding Segment of the former Curve:

then, BT will be to TC as the corresponding Segment of the Curve AB is to the Subtangent CV. *Quære* the Demonstration?

Put  $CT = s$ ,  $TB = t$ ,  $CD = y$ ,  $AB = z$ : and let  $cd$  be supposed indefinitely near and parallel to  $CD$ ; and  $Dm$ ,  $Bn$ , equal and parallel to  $Cc$ ; that is, let  $md = y'$ , and  $Bb = z'$ . Now,  $BT : TC :: bB : Bn$ , that is,  $t : s :: z' : \frac{sz'}{t} = Bn$  or

$Dm$ ; and  $dm : mD :: DC : CV$ , that is,  $y' : \frac{sz'}{t}$

$:: y : \frac{sy z'}{ty'} = CV$ , or (*art. 7.*)  $\frac{sy \dot{z}}{ty} = CV$ . Let the

given ratio of  $DC$  to  $AB$  be as  $a$  to  $b$ , that is,  $y :$

$z :: a : b$ ,  $\therefore z = \frac{by}{a}$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $\dot{z} = \frac{b\dot{y}}{a}$ ; which substituted for  $\dot{z}$  makes the

above  $\frac{sy \dot{z}}{ty} = CV = \frac{bsy}{at}$  (which, by writing  $z$  for

its value  $\frac{by}{a}$ , is)  $= \frac{sz}{t}$ ; therefore,  $t : s :: z : CV$ ,

that is,  $BT : TC :: AB : CV$ . Q. E. D.

## VI.

In the Curve ABD, whose Equation (putting the *Fig.* absciss  $AC = x$ , ordinate  $CB = y$ , and the base  $AD = a$ ,) is  $ax - x^2 = ay + y^2$ : required 84.



the Radius of Curvature for any point, and a geometrical Construction to illustrate and confirm the Work.

The Fluxion of the given equation of the curve is  $ax - 2xx' = ay + 2yy'$ ; which, making  $x' = 1$ , is  $a - 2x = ay + 2yy'$ ; and the Fluxion of this equation again, the Fluxion of  $y$  being considered as negative, is  $-2 = -ay' + 2y'' - 2yy'$ .

Hence we have  $y' = \frac{a - 2x}{a + 2y}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{a^2 - 4ax + 4x^2}{a^2 + 4ay + 4y^2}$ ,

and  $y''' = \frac{4a^2 + 8ay + 8y^2 - 8ax + 8x^2}{(a + 2y)^3} =$  (be-

cause by the equation of the curve,  $8ay + 8y^2 = 8ax - 8x^2$ , or  $8ay + 8y^2 - 8ax + 8x^2 = 0$ ),

$\frac{4a^2}{(a + 2y)^3}$ . Now, by substituting for  $y'$  and  $y''$  these

their values, in the general expression for the Radius of Curvature, which was found in *art.* 74. to be =

$\frac{1 + y'^2}{y''}$  when  $x' = 1$  and the Fluxion of  $y$  is ne-

gative, we shall have  $\frac{2a^2 + 4ay + 4y^2 - 4ax + 4x^2}{(a + 2y)^2}$

$\times \frac{(a + 2y)^3}{4a^2} =$  (because  $4ay + 4y^2 - 4ax + 4x^2$

$= 0$ ),  $\frac{2a^2}{(a + 2y)^2} \times \frac{(a + 2y)^3}{4a^2} = \frac{2a^2}{4a^2} = \frac{8^{\frac{1}{2}}a}{4}$

$= \frac{1}{2}a =$  the Radius of Curvature required;



which being a fixed or invariable quantity proves the curve to be an *Arch* of a *Circle*.

Now, if the Radius of a Circle be  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} a$ ; then,  $a$  is the side of it's inscribed square, or the chord of  $90^\circ$ . as is the right line AD: For, if the said right line AD be bisected in F, and the perpendicular FE be drawn  $= AF = \frac{1}{2} a$ ; the point E will be the center of the circle; and consequently, the radius will be  $AE (= \sqrt{EF^2 + FA^2}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} a^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} a$ . And, that  $x$ , in the given equation, must flow in the said chord AD, may be thus demonstrated: Draw the right line BC perpendicular to AD, and let it be produced until it meets the circle's periphery in G; and let HI be drawn equal and parallel to AD: then, it is evident, that,  $CK = AH = AD$ , by construction; and  $KG = CB$ , because  $AC = HK$ , and  $AB = HG$ ; therefore,  $CG = AD + CB$ : But, by 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CD = BC \times CG$ , that is, (putting  $AD = a$ ,  $AC = x$ , and  $CB = y$ ),  $x \times a - x = y \times a + y$ , or  $ax - x^2 = ay + y^2$ . Therefore, &c.

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From the Construction here given, it appears, that the Question may be diversified so as to be adapted to any regular Polygon that can be inscribed in a Circle. We see here, also, a demonstration of the justness of the *fluxional* Calculus as made use of above.

## VII.

Suppose the Earth to revolve in a circular orbit round the Sun as it's center; and the Moon to revolve round the Earth in the same manner; as also, that the planes of their orbits do coincide; and that the diameters of the said orbits are as 340 to 1; and lastly, that the Moon performs 13.368 revolutions to every single revolution of the Earth. *Quære* the Nature and Description of the Curve generated by the Center of the Moon; or, whether the Curve described by the Center of the Moon, in one Lunation, be any-where *Convex* towards the Sun?

Fig.  
85.

Let S represent the Sun; E, the Earth; Ee, an arch of the orbit of the Earth passed over by it's center in one lunation of the Moon; the circumference of the circle EAF = the concentric arch Aa. Then, (because  $13.368 - 1 = 12.368 =$  the number of lunations in a year or one revolution of the Earth, and therefore  $SA : EA :: 12.368 : 1$ ;) when the Moon is in conjunction with the Sun, the distance between the Sun and Moon will be greater than the distance or radius SA. Now, the Curve described by the center of the Moon is the same as that described by a point M (EM being the semi-diameter of the Moon's orbit,) carried round by the rotation of the circle EAF on the arch Aa: It is therefore of the *Cycloidal* Kind, having a point of Inflection, if every Cycloid described by a point within the generating circle is inflected as well upon a *circular* as upon a *rectilinear* base (*art. 65.*). To determine which,

Put  $SA$  or  $SR = a$ ,  $EA$  or  $eR = b$ ,  $EM$  or  $em = c$ ,  $Rm = r$ ,  $Ra' = s$ ; and let  $mC$  be the Radius of Curvature at any point  $m$ , which, it is evident, must pass through the point of contact  $R$ . Suppose the point  $n$  indefinitely near to  $m$ : Then,  $Rr$  and  $Rr$  being the indefinitely small contemporary arches with  $mn$ , and consequently the triangles  $Rmr$  and  $Rnr$  equal in all respects; if we consider the said little arches  $Rr$  and  $Rr$  as little right lines perpendicular to the radii  $er$  and  $Sr$ , we shall have the  $\angle mRn = \angle rRr =$  (because the angles  $eRr$  and  $SRr$  added to either side of the equation make it two right angles,)  $\angle Rer + \angle RSr$ . Now,  $SR : eR :: \angle Rer : \angle RSr$ , and  $SR : SR + Re :: \angle Rer : \angle Rer + \angle RSr$ , that is,  $a : a + b :: \angle$

$Rer : \angle mRn = \frac{a + b}{a} \angle Rer$ . Again, in any

triangle, as  $dmr$ , if the angles  $mdr$ ,  $mrd$ , and  $Rmr$  the complement of the obtuse angle to two right angles, be indefinitely small, they will be proportional to the opposite sides  $mr$ ,  $md$ , and  $dr^*$ ; that is,  $dr : md :: \angle Rmr : \angle mrd$ ; and  $dr - md : dr :: \angle Rmr - \angle mrd : \angle Rmr$ , that is,  $mR : dR ::$

\* For, let the triangle be circumscribed (as in *fig. 86.*) by the circle  $rm d$ : then will the arches  $dm$  and  $mr$  differ infinitely little from their chords  $dm$  and  $mr$ , which therefore may be taken as equal to them. And, since by 20 E. 3. the angle at the center of a circle is double of the angle at the periphery, the arches or chords  $rm$  and  $md$  are the measures of double the angles  $mdr$  and  $mrd$  respectively; or, the angles  $mdr$  and  $mrd$  are to each other as their opposite sides  $rm$  and  $md$ : and because by 32 E. 1. the angle  $Rmr$  is equal to the sum of the angles  $mdr$  and  $mrd$ ; therefore the measure of it is the sum of the arches or chords  $rm$  and  $md$ ; which differing infinitely little from the side or chord  $rd$ , may be considered as equal to it. *Ergo, &c.*



$\angle Rdr : \angle Rnr$ , or,  $r : s :: \frac{1}{2} \angle Rer : \angle Rnr =$   
 $\frac{s}{2r} \angle Rer$ . And again,  $\angle RCn : \angle RnC :: Rn$   
 $: RC$ , that is,  $\angle mRn - \angle Rnr : \angle Rnr :: Rn$   
 $: RC$ , or,  $\frac{a+b-s}{a} \angle Rer : \frac{s}{2r} \angle Rer :: r :$

$$RC = \frac{ars}{2ar + 2br - as}. \text{ Consequently, } mR +$$

$$RC = mC = \frac{2ar^2 + 2br^2}{2ar + 2br - as} = \frac{r^2}{r - \frac{as}{2a+2b}} =$$

the Radius of Curvature at any point  $m$ .

Now, it is evident, that, at the point of Inflection, the Radius of Curvature must be Infinite; or that, on one side of the said point, the expression for the radius of curvature must be affirmative, and on the other negative; therefore,  $r$  must be more

than  $\frac{as}{2a+2b}$  on one side of the said point, and on

the other less; and consequently, at the point of

Inflection,  $r = \frac{as}{2a+2b}$ ; which substituted for  $r$ ,

$$\text{makes } (dm \times mR =) rs - r^2 = \frac{2abs^2 + a^2 s^2}{2a + 2b} =$$

(because  $dm \times mR = fm \times ma =$ )  $b^2 - c^2$ ; from

$$\text{which equation we have } s = \frac{a + 2b\sqrt{b^2 - c^2}}{\sqrt{2ab + a^2}}.$$

—Or, to find  $\hat{r}$ , say  $2ar + 2br = as$ , or,  $s =$



$$\frac{2ar + 2br}{a}; \text{ then, } (dm \times mR =) rs - r^2 =$$

$$\frac{ar^2 + 2br^2}{a} = (fm \times ma =) b^2 - c^2; \text{ which equation}$$

$$\text{gives } r = \sqrt{\frac{ab^2 - ac^2}{a + 2b}}, \text{ when the point } m$$

becomes a point of Inflection.

Now, as  $mR$  ( $r$ ) must, by the nature of the circle, always be greater than  $ma$ ; that is, as

$$\sqrt{\frac{ab^2 - ac^2}{a + 2b}} \text{ must always be more than } b - c;$$

$$\text{and consequently, } \frac{ab^2 - ac^2}{a + 2b} \text{ be more than } \overline{b - c}^2,$$

$$\text{that is, } \frac{ab + ac}{a + 2b} \times \overline{b - c} \text{ be more than } \overline{b - c} \times$$

$\overline{b - c}$ ; therefore,  $c$  must always be more than

$$\frac{b^2}{a + b}; \text{ that is EM must be more than a third pro-}$$

portional to ES and EA in order to have a point of Inflection take place in the Curve: But, in the present case, ES, EA, and EM, being as 13.368, 1,

$$\text{and } \frac{13.368}{340} \text{ or } 0.39; \text{ therefore, EM is less than}$$

the said third proportional; and consequently, the Curve Mmu, generated by the Center of the Moon, has *not* a point of Inflection, or, is *no-where* Convex towards the Sun. Q. E. I.

## Corollaries.

1. When  $r=s$ , that is, when the point  $m$  coincides with  $a$ , or  $a$  is the generating point; then, the Radius of Curvature will be  $= \frac{2ar^2 + 2br^2}{ar + 2br}$

$$= \frac{a+b}{a+2b} 2r; \text{ and } RC = \frac{a}{a+2b} r; \text{ by analogy,}$$

$a+2b : a :: r : RC$ , that is,  $SF : SA :: mR : RC$ .

2. When  $a$  is Infinite, and  $r=s$ ; that is, when the base becomes a right line, and the point  $m$  coincides with  $a$ , or the curve is the common Cycloid; the Radius of Curvature will be  $= 2r$ . For then,  $2br^2$  and  $2br$  will be infinitely little in comparison of  $2ar^2$  and  $ar$ , and therefore may be rejected.

Fig.  
87.

3. When  $a$  is Infinite, that is, when the base degenerates into a right line, or the curve is the protracted or interior Cycloid; as in *fig. 87*. the Radius of Curvature will become  $= \frac{2ar^2}{2ar - as} = \frac{2r^2}{2r - s}$ ;

and, therefore, at the point of Inflection, where the radius of curvature is infinite,  $2r=s$ , that is,  $Rm = md$ ; and consequently the right line  $Rd$  is perpendicular to the radius  $ea$ , and the point  $a$  is in the base  $NM$ . Whence, to find the point of Inflection we have the following Construction, viz. Make  $PR = ag$ , or  $AR = Pg$ ; draw  $Re$  equal and parallel to the radius  $PO$ ; make  $ra = Ng$ ; draw the right line  $ea$ ; and, lastly, make  $em = ON$ : Then will

$m$  be the point of Inflection in the interior Semicycloid  $mM$ .

### VIII.

The *Fluxion* of the Hyperbolic Logarithm of any quantity, is equal to the Fluxion of that quantity divided by the quantity itself. *Quære* the Demonstration? (See *art.* 21.)

Let YAI be an Hyperbola, whose affymptotes are the perpendicular right lines EZ and ET, and whose parameter is  $AP = EP = 1$ ; draw any ordinate CB parallel to PA: then, (as Writers on *Conics* demonstrate,) the Space PABC will be the Hyperbolic Logarithm of the line EC; and, therefore, the Fluxion of the space PABC will be equal to the Fluxion of the Hyperbolic Logarithm of the line EC. Now, the Fluxion of this space, putting  $EC = x$  and  $CB = y$ , is (by *art.* 124.)  $= y\dot{x}$ ; and, by the known property of the curve,  $EC : EP :: PA : CB$ , that is,  $x : 1 :: 1 : y = \frac{1}{x}$ ; there- Fig. 88.

fore  $y\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x}$  that is, the Fluxion of the space PABC,

or, of the Hyperbolic Logarithm of the line EC, is equal to the Fluxion of the said line, divided by the line itself. Q. E. D.

N. B. By a Space or Line, is meant it's Numerical Measure.

### IX.

The Hyperbolic Logarithm of 1 being 0, what is the Hyperbolic Logarithm of 10; (See *art.* 21.)

**Fig. 89.** Let EZ and ET be the asymptotes of the rectangular Hyperbola YAI, whose parameter is AP = PE = 1. Then, the area of the space PABC will be the Hyperbolic Logarithm of  $\frac{EC}{EP}$ , that is, of EC; the area of the space PA $\dot{b}$ c will be the Hyperbolic Logarithm of  $\frac{EP}{Ec}$ , that is, of  $\frac{1}{Ec}$ ; and, the area of the space cbBC will be the Hyperbolic Logarithm of  $\frac{EC}{Ec}$ ; the right lines or ordinates CB and cb being supposed parallel to the asymptote EZ. Now, to find these areas.

1°. Put Pc =  $\dot{x}$ , and cb =  $y$ ; then, by the known property of the curve,  $y = \frac{1}{1 - \dot{x}}$ ; which,

(art. 124.) drawn into  $\dot{x}$ , is  $y\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{x}}{1 - \dot{x}}$  = the

Fluxion of Pb = (by throwing  $\frac{\dot{x}}{1 - \dot{x}}$  into a Se-

ries, art. 102.)  $\dot{x} + \dot{x}\dot{x} + \dot{x}^2\dot{x} + \dot{x}^3\dot{x} + \dot{x}^4\dot{x} + \dot{x}^5\dot{x} + \dot{x}^6\dot{x} + \dot{x}^7\dot{x} + \dot{x}^8\dot{x} + \dot{x}^9\dot{x} + \dot{x}^{10}\dot{x} + \dot{x}^{11}\dot{x} + \mathcal{C}$ . therefore the Fluent of this series, viz,  $x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 + \frac{1}{6}x^6 + \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \frac{1}{8}x^8 + \frac{1}{9}x^9 + \frac{1}{10}x^{10} + \frac{1}{11}x^{11} + \frac{1}{12}x^{12} + \mathcal{C}$ . is = Pb.

2° Put PC =  $\dot{x}$ , and CB =  $y$ ; then,  $y = \frac{1}{1 + \dot{x}}$ ,

and (art. 124.)  $y\dot{x} = \frac{-\dot{x}}{1 + \dot{x}}$  = the Fluxion of PB



= (by throwing  $\frac{\dot{x}}{1+x}$  into a Series, *art.* 103.)  $\dot{x}$   
 $- x\dot{x} + x^2\dot{x} - x^3\dot{x} + x^4\dot{x} - x^5\dot{x} + x^6\dot{x} - x^7\dot{x}$   
 $+ x^8\dot{x} - x^9\dot{x} + x^{10}\dot{x} - x^{11}\dot{x} + \text{Ec.}$  therefore  
the Fluent of this series, viz.  $x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 -$   
 $\frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{6}x^6 + \frac{1}{7}x^7 - \frac{1}{8}x^8 + \frac{1}{9}x^9 - \frac{1}{10}x^{10}$   
 $+ \frac{1}{11}x^{11} - \frac{1}{12}x^{12} + \text{Ec.}$  is = PB.

Hence,

If  $Pc = PC$ , the area  $cbBC$ , viz. the sum of  $Pb$   
and PB, will be =  $2 \times :x + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 + \frac{1}{7}x^7$   
 $+ \frac{1}{9}x^9 + \frac{1}{11}x^{11} + \text{Ec.}$  And  $Pb - PB$  will be  
=  $x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^6 + \frac{1}{4}x^8 + \frac{1}{5}x^{10} + \frac{1}{6}x^{12} + \text{Ec.}$   
That is, if  $Ec = .9$ , and  $cP = PC = .1$ ; then,  
by substituting .1 for  $x$ , we shall have  $cB =$   
 $.2006706954 \text{ Ec.}$  and  $Pb - PB = .0100503358$   
 $\text{Ec.}$  half of which added to half  $cB$  is  $.1053605156$

$\text{Ec.} = Pb =$  the Hyp. Log. of  $\frac{1}{.9}$ . And, if  $Ec$

= .8, and  $cP = PC = x = .2$ ; then, by writing

.2 for  $x$ , we have  $cB = .4054651081 \text{ Ec.} =$  the

Hyp. Log. of  $\frac{1.2}{.8}$ ; and  $Pb - PB = .0408219945$

$\text{Ec.}$  half of which subtracted from half  $cB$  is

$.1823215567 \text{ Ec.} = PB =$  the Hyp. Log. of  $\frac{1.2}{1}$

or 1.2; and this subtracted from  $cB$  leaves

$.2231435513 \text{ Ec.} = Pb =$  the Hyp. Log. of  $\frac{1}{.8}$ .

Therefore, by the Nature of Logarithms, the Hyp.  
 Log. of  $\frac{1}{.9} \times \frac{1.2}{.8} \times 1.2$ , viz. of 2, is  $= .1053605156$   
 $\text{Œc.} + .4054651081 \text{ Œc.} + .1823215567 \text{ Œc.} =$   
 $.6931471805 \text{ Œc.}$  and, the Hyp. Log. of  $2^3$ , viz.  
 of 8, is  $= 3 \times .6931471805 \text{ Œc.} = 2.0794415416$   
 $\text{Œc.}$  and, the Hyp. Log. of  $8 \times \frac{1}{.8}$ , viz. of 10, is  
 $= 2.0794415416 \text{ Œc.} + .2231435513 \text{ Œc.} =$   
 $2.3025850929 \text{ Œc. Q. E. I.}$

## X.

Fig.  
90.

Let the given right line CA turn uniformly round the point C as a center; and, let a point be supposed to pass with an uniform motion, from A, along the right line AF, equal and perpendicular to the said line CA, and such velocity, as to arrive at F at the same time that the said lines come to be in their first situation: then, by this point, will the *Spiral* APBF be described. *Quære* the Area of any Space ARaBPA?\*,

Put  $CA = AF = a$ , the circumference of the circle  $ARaA = b$ ,  $aB = v$ , arch DB (described with the ordinate or radius CB,)  $= x$ ,  $CB = y$ , arch  $ARa = z$ ,  $Bn = x'$ , and  $aa = z'$ . Now, (supposing  $Bn$ , the Increment of the arch DB, to be a little right line perpendicular to the radius CB,) if we draw  $aG$  perpendicular to CB, the Moment or Increment of the space  $ARaBD$ , viz.  $aBnaa$ ,

\* This Curve was invented Anno 1756.

will by 41 E. 1. be  $= \frac{1}{2} GB \times Bn =$  (because by 8 and 4 E. 6.  $CB : Ba :: aB : BG$ , or,  $y : v :: v : BG = \frac{v^2}{y}$ ,)  $\frac{v^2 \dot{x}}{2y}$ ; therefore, art. 7. the Fluxion of the said space, which is  $=$  the Fluxion of the space in question, is  $= \frac{v^2 \dot{x}}{2y}$ . But, it is plain from the generation of the Curve, (af)  $a : b :: v : \dot{x} = \frac{b\dot{v}}{a}$ , and (Ca)  $a : y :: \dot{x} : \dot{z} = \frac{y\dot{z}}{a} = \frac{y}{a} \times \frac{b\dot{v}}{a} = \frac{by\dot{v}}{a^2}$ ; which substituted for  $\dot{x}$  makes the above Fluxion of the space in question  $= \frac{bv^2 \dot{v}}{2a^2}$ , the Fluent of which is  $\frac{bv^3}{6a^2} =$  the Area of the Space required; And there-

fore, by writing  $a$  for  $v$ , we shall have the Area of the whole spiral Space  $ARAFBPA = \frac{1}{6} ab = \frac{1}{3}$  the Area of the Circle  $CARaA$ . Q. E. I.

Or, By 47 E. 1.  $v = y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; the Fluxion of which equation is  $\dot{v} = \frac{y\dot{y}}{y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ; therefore  $\dot{x} (= \frac{by\dot{v}}{a^2}) = \frac{b}{a^2} \times \frac{y^2 \dot{y}}{y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ ; which substituted for  $\dot{x}$ , makes  $\frac{1}{2} y \dot{x}$  viz. the Fluxion of the Area art. 124. (for  $CB$  and  $CaB$  describe equal Spaces,)  $= \frac{b}{2a^2}$

$$\times \frac{y^3 \dot{y}}{y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{b}{6a^2} \times \frac{3y^5 \dot{y} - 2a^2 y^3 \dot{y}}{y^6 - a^2 y^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{1}{3} b \times$$



$\frac{xy}{y^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; the Fluent of which expression is  $\frac{b}{6a^2}$   
 $\times y^6 - a^2 y^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{3} b \times y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$  the Area of  
 the Space ACaBPA. So that, by writing  $2a^2$  for  
 $y^2$ , we have the area of the Space AFBPA  $= \frac{2}{3}ab$ ;  
 from which if we take  $\frac{1}{2}ab$  (the Area of the Circle  
 ARA,) there will remain  $\frac{1}{6}ab =$  the Area of the  
 whole spiral Space; as before.

*Corollary.*

$$\frac{\dot{x}y}{\dot{y}} \text{ (art. 38.) is } = \frac{y}{\dot{y}} \times \frac{by^2 \dot{y}}{a^2 \times y^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$$\frac{by^3}{a^2 \times y^2 - a^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{by^3}{a^2 v} = \text{the Subtangent CT.}$$

*Construction.* Through the center C draw the  
 indefinite right line AT perpendicular to the ordi-  
 nate CB; describe through the points A and B a  
 semicircle ABH; make CI = the circumference of  
 the circle ARA, and CK = aB; draw right lines  
 HK and IL, and parallel to IL draw MB; lastly,  
 produce CB to N, making CN = CM, and draw a  
 right line NT parallel to KH: then will T be the  
 point from which a Tangent to the point B must  
 be drawn. For, (AC)  $a : y :: y : \frac{y^2}{a} =$  CH; and

$$(LC) a : (CI) b :: (BC) y : CM = \frac{by}{a} = CN;$$

$$\text{and } (KC) v : (CH) \frac{y^2}{a} :: (NC) \frac{by}{a} : CT = \frac{by^3}{a^2 v}.$$



XI.

*Quære* the Content of the cylindrical Ring ABDR? *Fig.*  
 — the radius EA of the inner circumference <sup>91</sup>.  
 being given =  $a$ ; and AD, the diameter of the  
 ring, or of the generating circle, =  $b$ .

Put any arch LA =  $x$ , and .78539 &c. =  $c$ ;  
 suppose Ed indefinitely near to ED; and describe  
 the concentric pricked circle CR, making AB =  
 BD =  $\frac{1}{2} b$ . Then, the Moment of the ring, viz.  
 Ad, will be equal to the area of the generating circle  
 AD drawn into the Increment Bb. Now, EA:

$$Aa :: EB : Bb, \text{ that is, } a : x' :: a + \frac{1}{2} b :: x' + \frac{bx'}{2a}$$

= Bb: and the area of the circle AD =  $b^2 c$ : there-  
 fore, the Moment of the ring is =  $b^2 c \times x' +$

$$\frac{bx'}{2a} = b^2 cx' + \frac{b^3 cx'}{2a}, \text{ or it's Fluxion (art. 7.) =}$$

$$b^2 c\dot{x} + \frac{b^3 c\dot{x}}{2a}; \text{ the Fluent of which is } b^2 cx + \frac{b^3 cx}{2a}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{b}{2a} \times b^2 cx = \text{the Content of the Ring from}$$

L to A; and therefore, by substituting  $8ac$  for  $x$ ,

$$\text{we have the content of the whole Ring} = 1 + \frac{b}{2a}$$

$\times 8ab^2 c^2 = b^2 c \times \frac{b}{2a+b} \times 4c = \text{the area of the}$   
 generating circle AD drawn into the circumference  
 of the pricked circle BR. Q E. I.

## XII.

If a heavy Sphere, whose diameter is 4 inches, be let fall into a conical Glass  $\frac{1}{5}$ th full of Water, whose diameter is 5 inches and altitude 6; how much of the Sphere will be immerfed in the Water?

Fig.  
92.

Put the altitude  $VH = 6 = a$ ; radius  $HF = 2.5 = b$ ;  $3.14159 \&c.$  (*art.* 122.)  $= c$ ;  $AD$ , the diameter of the sphere,  $= 4 = d$ ; and  $AC$ , that part of the said diameter under the water,  $= x$ ; then,  $CD = d - x$ . Now, the capacity of the glass is  $= \frac{1}{3} ab^2 c$ ; and therefore, by the question, the quantity of water in it is  $= \frac{1}{15} ab^2 c$ . By 35 E. 3.  $AC \times CD = CB^2$ , that is,  $dx - x^2 =$  the square of the radius of the section of the sphere; therefore the area of the said section is  $= cdx - cx^2$ ; which drawn into  $x$  is  $cdxx - cx^2 x =$  the Fluxion of the segment of the sphere under the water; the Fluent of which is  $\frac{1}{2} cdx^2 - \frac{1}{3} cx^3 =$  the content of the said segment. Hence (similar solids being as the cubes of their homologous sides,)  $\frac{1}{3} ab^2 c : a^3 :: \frac{1}{15}$

$$ab^2 c + \frac{1}{2} cdx^2 - \frac{1}{3} cx^3 : \frac{1}{5} a^3 + \frac{3a^2 dx^2}{2b^2} - \frac{a^2 x^3}{b^2} =$$

$VC^3$ . But,  $VF = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ; and  $HF : FV ::$

$GE : EV$ , that is,  $b : \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} :: \frac{1}{2} d : \frac{d}{2b}$

$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = EV$ ;  $\therefore VA (= VE - AE) = \frac{d}{2b}$

$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{2} d = 3.2$ , which put  $= e$ , then  $VC = e + x$ , and  $VC^3 = e^3 + 3e^2 x + 3ex^2 + x^3$

$=$  (because by the above  $VG^3$  is  $=$ )  $\frac{1}{3} a^3 + \frac{3a^2 dx^2}{2b^2}$   
 $= \frac{a^2 x^3}{b^2}$ . Now, this equation produces  $\overline{10a^2 + 10b^2}$

$x^3 + 30b^2 e - 15a^2 d. x^2 + 30b^2 e^2 x = 2a^3 b^2 - 10b^2 e^3$ , that is,  $422.5x^3 - 1560x^2 + 1920x = 652$ ;  
 which equation divided by 422.5 is  $x^3 - 3.692x^2 + 4.544x = 1.543$ ; whence  $x$  may be found  $= .546 = AC$  = that Part of the Diameter of the Sphere under the Water. Q. E. I.

## SCHOLIUM.

WE might now proceed to the investigation of the Centers of *gravity*, *percussion*, and *oscillation*, and a great variety of other Problems in the various branches of Mathematical and Philosophical Science: but, this Tract being intended as an *Introduction* only, for these Things we must refer the Learner to the larger and more extensive Books on the Subject\*; in which, though he may meet with many Difficulties, it is hoped they are not such but he will now be able to surmount.

The Books, in *English*, professedly on the Subject, are,

1. A Treatise of Fluxions: or, an Introduction

\* The Author particularly refers to the Works of his two celebrated Friends, Mr. Emerson and the late Mr. Simpson.



to Mathematical Philosophy. Containing a full explication of that Method by which the most celebrated Geometers of the present Age have made such vast Advances in Mechanical Philosophy: BY CHARLES HAYES, *Gent.*—Folio. 315 Pages. Cuts, 1704.

2. An Institution of Fluxions: Containing the first Principles, the Operations, with some of the Uses and Applications of that admirable Method. BY HUMPHRY DITTON.—Octavo. 240 Pages. Cuts. 1706.

N. B. A Second Edition was printed in the Year 1726.

3. The Method of Fluxions, both Direct and Inverse. The former being a Translation from the celebrated Marquis *De L'Hospital's* *Analyse des Infiniments Petits*; and the latter supply'd by the Translator, E. STONE, F. R. S.—Octavo. 450 Pages. Plates. 1730.

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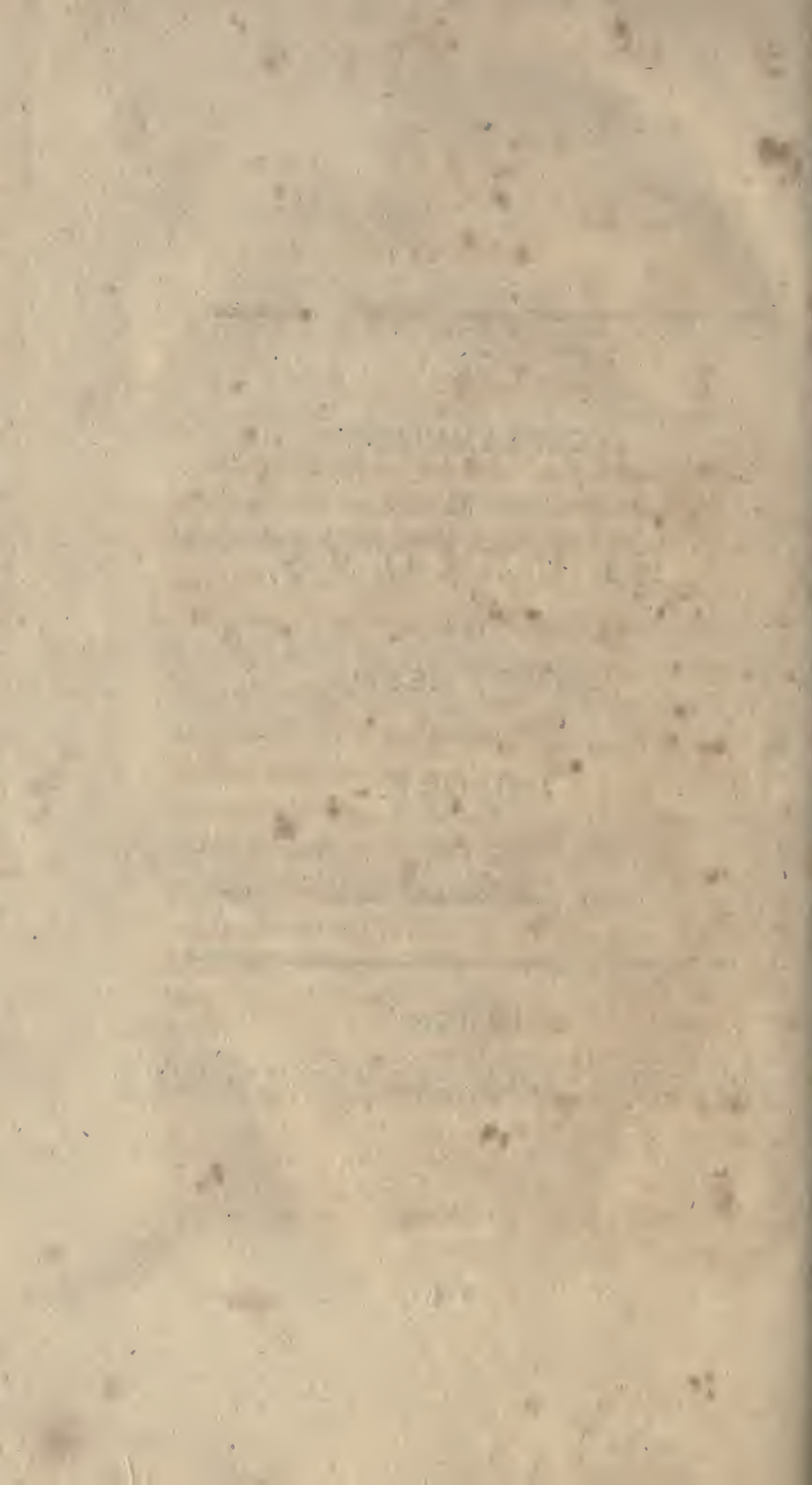
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I WAS induced, from the many Disputes concerning Sir ISAAC NEWTON's Method of Fluxions, to try if that most useful and noble Kind of Investigation might not be establish'd upon more obvious Principles. This gave Birth to the following Essay; which, therefore, you are desired to consider as an Explanation of the Doctrine itself, and not of Sir ISAAC's Manner of delivering it. About that I don't mean, nor pretend to take a Part in any Controversy. It was, doubtless, agreeable to our GREAT AUTHOR's unbounded Invention and Discernment: but, I presume, a more familiar Demonstration and Phrasewill neither be unacceptable to you, nor at all derogatory to the Merit of HIS Performance, whilst they tend to confirm and elucidate the very same Truths.

Be pleased to remark, in the following Pages, with the greatest Care, that Fluxions are not Quantities actually generated, but existing in *Posse*; such as would be generated in the same invariable Portion of Time.

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THE Productions of an exalted Genius are very liable to Misconstruction and Cavil, as the Subject is often clouded with some natural Intricacy. Hence, particular Illustrations and easier Methods of Proof become requisite; but it is a Truth, not enough attended to perhaps, that these Devices are not the proper Task of ablest Pens. Such Inquirers, too nearly resembling the Author, never feel all the Weight of a pressing Difficulty: besides a quick Conception is still apt to cause an unusual Conciseness; which, no doubt, must obscure the Sense to many who perceive not but by an easy Chain of Consequences.

This seems a reasonable Apology for my attempting to explain the Theory of Fluxions, that important Doctrine. What I can offer may be better adapted to give general Satisfaction, than are the lofty Essays of eminent Mathematics. Such,

however, is my encouragement to the great Undertaking, and so are my Hopes of Success founded: if I should fail; IN MAGNIS VOLUISSE, SAT EST.

### *General* DEFINITION.

The word FLUXION properly apply'd always supposes the Generation of some Quantity (term'd Fluent or Flowing Quantity) with an equable, accelerated, or retarded Velocity, and is ITSELF the Quantity which MIGHT be UNIFORMLY generated, in a CONSTANT PORTION OF TIME, with the Amount or Remainder of THAT Velocity, at the Instant of finding SUCH FLUXION.

### ILLUSTRATION.

*Fig.*  
1. Suppose a Point D to move from A with any Velocity, *viz.* equable, accelerated, or retarded. And, at the Instant D leaves A, let EF be taken equal to the Line which MIGHT be generated in a CONSTANT PORTION OF TIME, *mn*, UNIFORMLY, with the Velocity of D at that Instant; for then is EF the Fluxion at A. Now, if AD be generated with an equable Velocity, or, in other Words, if the Velocity at A be the Velocity in every Point of AD, it is plain EF is a constant Quantity, and of course can have no Fluxion. And, on the other hand, when AD is generated with an accelerated or a retarded Velocity, let the Line EF be so increased or decreased by the Motion of a Point F, whilst D moves from A, that this increasing or decreasing EF may always equal the Distance which

MIGHT BE UNIFORMLY describ'd in THAT CONSTANT PORTION OF TIME,  $mn$ , with the Amount or Remainder of Velocity at D; for thus is EF still the Fluxion of AD (*per Defn.*) tho' a variable Quantity producing its proper Fluxion GH. This is determin'd as EF was at first, *viz.* take GH equal to the Distance which MIGHT be UNIFORMLY described in the said CONSTANT PORTION OF TIME  $mn$ , with the Velocity of F, whereby EF was increas'd or decreas'd when D left A. It is likewise call'd the second Fluxion of AD, as being Fluxion to a Quantity that is the Fluxion of AD. Again, if the original or given Motion wherewith AD is generated be such, that GH is also variable; let IK be taken equal to the UNIFORM Space which MIGHT be generated in  $mn$ , with the Velocity of H tending to increase or decrease GH, whilst F began to increase or decrease EF upon D's leaving A; for so, IK is the first Eluxion of GH, the second of EF, and the third Fluxion of AD. And, as D advances, the fluxionary Lines, before assumed, increase or decrease by the Motions of their respective Points F, H, K, that in all Positions of D they are still the first, second, and third Fluxions of AD.—Lastly, it is not difficult to conceive such an Acceleration in D, that neither EF, GH, IK, nor any other succeeding Quantity shall be UNIFORMLY increas'd or diminish'd by the Motion of its regulating point F, H, K, &c. whence, there will most manifestly arise a Progression of Fluxions *in Infinitum*. The Descent of heavy Bodies, accurately consider'd, according to the true Theory of Gravity, affords this infinite Progression. Their Descent by an uniform Gravity no less evinces the Limitation of the Orders of



Fluxions: for, if  $D$  be uniformly accelerated,  $GH$  (the second Fluxion of  $AD$ ) is a constant Quantity; seeing, an uniform Impulse on  $D$ , must necessarily cause an equable Velocity in  $F$ , rend'ring  $GH$  CONSTANT.

To illustrate the same in plane Figures; let  $ABC$  be any triangular or curvilinear Space generated by the Right-Line  $BD$  moving uniformly and parallel to itself over the two given or immoveable

Fig. 2. Lines  $AL$ ,  $ACW$ .  $Bb$  ( $= AR = RT = TO$ ) is the uniform Distance describ'd by the Point  $B$  in any CONSTANT PORTION of TIME  $mn$ ; that is,  $Bb$  ( $= AR$  or  $RT = TO$ ) is the Fluxion of  $AB$ . So,  $CE$  being parallel to  $AB$  and  $AP$  always equal to  $BC$ , the Rectangle  $Cb$  or  $AQ$  will be the Fluxion of the Area  $ABC$ . Now, since the Line  $PQ$  keeps moving from  $AR$ , and the Rectangle  $AQ$  continually increasing as the Ordinate  $BC$  increases assume the Rectangle  $RV$  equal to the Space that MIGHT be UNIFORMLY describ'd in  $mn$ , with the Velocity whereby  $AQ$  is increas'd in this Position: and then is  $RV$  the first Fluxion of  $AQ$ , and the second Fluxion of  $ABC$ . Again; if the Formation of  $ACW$  be such, that the Increase of  $BC$  is not equable,  $RV$  will be subject to a Variation likewise. Take, therefore, the Rectangle  $TS$  equal to the UNIFORM Space which MIGHT be produced in Time  $mn$ , with the Velocity of  $RV$ 's Increase. This  $TS$  is evidently the first Fluxion of  $RV$ , the second of  $AQ$ , and the third Fluxion of  $ABC$ : and after the same manner are all Fluxions, whether of Lines, Surfaces, or Solids, to be consider'd. But, be it ever remember'd that the Velocity with which a Quantity is said to be generated, is not esteem'd the Velocity of any of its particular Parts



or Terms, but the Celerity or Degree of Swiftneſs wherewith the Magnitude of that Quantity is changed.

COROLLARY.

Hence, it will appear that the firſt Fluxions of Quantities are as the Velocities with which thoſe Quantities are increaſ'd; that ſecond Fluxions are as the Increate or Decrease of ſuch Velocities; and that by ſecond, third, fourth, &c. Fluxions are meant Fluxions, whoſe Fluents are themſelves Fluxions to other propoſed Quantities; and the manner of conſidering, and determining them is the very ſame as tho' they were firſt Fluxions, they being actually ſo to the Quantities from which they are immediately derived.

Theſe Particulars duly weigh'd will (I hope) remove all the Difficulties and ſeeming Inconſiſtencies ſo often complain'd of in a Progreſſion of Fluxions. There is no eſſential Difference amongſt them: the Proceſs is only the more tedious the higher we go. I ſhall therefore proceed to lay down a Lemma and Propoſition, and from thence endeavour to deduce the neceſſary Rules for determining all Orders of Fluxions: but firſt of all obſerve the following

NOTATION.

$\dot{y}$  ſtands for the firſt Fluxion of  $y$ ;  $\ddot{y}$  for the ſecond Fluxion of  $y$ , and firſt Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$ ;  $\ddot{\dot{y}}$  for the third Fluxion of  $y$ , the ſecond Fluxion of  $\dot{y}$ , and the firſt Fluxion of  $\ddot{y}$ , &c.  $\dot{\dot{y}}$  ſtands for the firſt

Fluxion of  $z$ ;  $\dot{z}$  for the second Fluxion of  $z$ , and the first Fluxion of  $\dot{z}$ , &c. and so on, for any other.

### LEMMA.

The Fluxion of the Area ABC, whether triangular or curvilinear, is the Rectangle  $\dot{x}y$ .

*Fig.* 3. Suppose a Body B to move from A towards F, and to send forth a Ray  $y$  always perpendicular to AF, and lengthening, as the Body approaches F; so as, by its Extreme C, to describe the Curve or right Line AC: And, at any proposed Position BC, conceive  $y$  to become constant, while the Body moves UNIFORMLY any constant Time  $mn$ , with the Velocity at B, over the Distance  $\dot{x}$  or BD; for then will  $y$  in the Time  $mn$  UNIFORMLY generate the Rectangle  $\dot{x}y$ , which Rectangle is plainly the Fluxion of ABC in this Position (*per Definit.*)

### SCHOLIUM.

*Fig.* 3. It has been commonly objected to the Accuracy of Fluxions, that the Trapezium or curvilinear Space BCdeD, not the Rectangle  $\dot{x}y$ , is the Fluxion geometrically exact. But, this objection is built, I apprehend, upon a false Idea of the Thing. It supposes a Fluxion a COMPLETE Part of a flowing Quantity, and an INFINITY of Fluxions to constitute the flowing Quantity, which are Mistakes (*per Definition and Lemma.*) The Area BCdeD is the Increment; the Space that would have been generated in Time  $mn$  with  $y$  variable;

and indeed if  $\dot{x}$  be imagined infinitely little, an Infinity of Increments may constitute the Area ABC. But in Fluxions, our reasoning is quite different: a Fluxion can no more be called a Part of the Fluent, than an Effect a Part of the Cause. For Instance; from the Fluxion given we know the Fluent, and *vice versa*, just as when a Cause is known to produce a certain Effect, we can infer the ONE from a Knowledge of the OTHER. Of the same Kind is the common Objection against the Fluxion of a Curve, (*Fig. 4.*) that  $\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}$ , not expressing a Part of the Curve, is not accurately the Fluxion. But it is accurately so, for  $\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} = \dot{z}$  a straight Line which would be describ'd in the TIME *mn* UNIFORMLY, with the Velocity of  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  compounded, which are the Amount of Velocity wherewith the Curve is generated at that Instant.

PROPOSITION.

The Fluxion of a Rectangle  $xy$  is  $\dot{x}y + y\dot{x}$ .

Let two Bodies, B.C. move from A the same Moment towards G and H, and carry along with them the perpendicular right Lines BF.CE. The Path AP of their Point of Interfection P varies according to the Relation of the Velocities B.C; but still there are generated with a variable Celerity (like ABC in the *Lem.*) two Areas ABP.ACP, *Fig. 5.* which together are always equal to the Rectangle BACDB. Here then, as  $y\dot{x}$  = the Fluxion of ABP, and  $\dot{x}y$  = Fluxion of ACP, (*per Lem.*) and as  $ABP + ACP$  = the Rectangle ABCDB =  $xy$ ; and equal Fluents have equal Fluxions,  $y\dot{x} + \dot{x}y$  is consequently = Fluxion of  $xy$ . Q. E. D.

## COROLLARY I.

If  $AC = AB$ , the Figure generated is a Square. Then is  $x^2$  or  $y^2$  the Fluent, and  $2xx$  or  $2yy$  the Fluxion.

## COROL. II:

Suppose  $AC =$  second Power of  $BA$ . Then  $xy = x^3$ , and the Fluxion is  $3xxx$ . For  $y = xx$ ,  $\dot{y} = 2x\dot{x}$ ,  $\dot{y}x = 2xxx$ ,  $y\dot{x} = xxx$   $\therefore \dot{y}x + x\dot{y} = 3xxx$  the Fluxion of  $x^3$ .

## COROL. III.

And universally; let  $xy = x^m$ , and by a like Method of Investigation, the Fluxion will be found  $mx^{m-1} \dot{x}$ .

From this Proposition, and its Corollaries, I shall now deduce the Practical Rules for finding the Fluxions of variable Quantities multiply'd together; of Fractions, and of Powers. Examples in the higher Orders of Fluxions will follow.

These Rules are laid down in Mr. *Simpson's* Treatise of Fluxions, thus, *viz.* To find the Fluxion of the Product of several Quantities drawn into each other,

## RULE.

Multiply the Fluxion of each particular Quantity

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by the Product of the rest of the Quantities, and the Sum of the Products arising from those Multiplications will be the Fluxion sought.

For, by the Proposition,  $x\dot{y} + y\dot{x} = \text{Fluxion of } xy$ ; and if the Fluxion of  $xyz$  be sought, put (as Mr. *Simpson* has done)  $v = xy \therefore \dot{v} = x\dot{y} + y\dot{x}$ , and the Fluxion of  $vz$  or  $xyz$  will be  $v\dot{z} + z\dot{v}$ , but  $\dot{v} = x\dot{y} + y\dot{x}$  and  $v = xy \therefore$  substituting these Values in  $v\dot{z} + z\dot{v}$ , it will become  $zxy\dot{z} + zyx\dot{x} + xy\dot{z} = \text{the Fluxion of } xyz$ .

To find the Fluxion of a Fraction,

### RULE.

From the Fluxion of the Numerator drawn into the Denominator, take the Fluxion of the Denominator drawn into the Numerator, and divide the whole by the Square of the Denominator.

For (following the same Author) by putting  $v =$

$\frac{x}{y}$  we have  $vy = x$ , and  $v\dot{y} + y\dot{v} = \dot{x}$  (*per Prop.*)

$$\therefore \dot{v}y = \dot{x} - y\dot{v} \left( v = \frac{x}{y} \right) = \dot{x} - \frac{y\dot{x}}{y} = \frac{y\dot{x} - x\dot{y}}{y}$$

$$\therefore \dot{v} = \frac{y\dot{x} - x\dot{y}}{yy} \text{ the Fluxion of } \frac{x}{y}.$$

To find the Fluxion of any Power of a variable Quantity.

### RULE.

Multiply the Exponent of the given Power by

the Fluxion of the Root, and that product by the Power of the Root, whose index is one less than that of the given Power.

This follows immediately from the Third Corollary, and is indeed no more than  $mx^{m-1} \dot{x}$  in Words.

### *An Example of the First Rule.*

The Fluxion of  $xy + yx$ , or second Fluxion of  $xy$  is  $2\dot{x}\dot{y} + \ddot{y}x + \ddot{x}y$ , when  $x$  and  $y$  are both variable;  $2\dot{x}\dot{y} + \ddot{y}x$ , or  $2\dot{x}\dot{y} + \ddot{x}y$  when only one of them is variable, and  $2\dot{x}\dot{y}$  alone if neither be variable.

### *An Example of the Second Rule.*

The Fluxion of  $\frac{y\dot{x} - x\dot{y}}{yy}$  viz. the Second Fluxion of  $\frac{x}{y}$ , is  $\frac{2x\dot{y}\dot{y} - 2y\dot{y}\dot{x} + yy\ddot{x} - xy\ddot{y}}{y^3}$

### *Examples of the Third Rule.*

$2\dot{x}\dot{x} + 2x\ddot{x}$  is = the Fluxion of  $2xx$ .  $6xxx + 3xxx\dot{x}$  = the Fluxion of  $3xxx$ ; for, putting  $xx = y$ , we have  $2xx = \dot{y}$ , and  $2\dot{x}\dot{x} + 2x\ddot{x} = \ddot{y}$ ; (per Cor. 2. and Notation)  $\therefore$  by substituting these Values of  $y$ ,  $\dot{y}$  and  $\ddot{y}$  in the first Example,  $2\dot{x}\dot{y} + \ddot{y}x + \ddot{x}y$  becomes  $6xxx + 3xxx\dot{x}$ , the second Fluxion of  $x^3$ . And universally the second Fluxion of  $x^m$  is  $m - 1 \times m x^{m-2} \dot{x}^2 + m x^{m-1} \ddot{x}$ . The Fluxion of this again viz. the third Fluxion of  $x^m$  is  $m - 2 \times m - 1$

$\times m x^{m-3} \dot{x}^3 + 3m \times m - 1 \times m x^{m-2} \ddot{x} \dot{x} + m x^{m-1} \ddot{x}$ . These Expressions are easily diversify'd upon supposing  $x$  or  $\dot{y}$  or both constant: and the Method being the same for all Orders however high we go, I think it superfluous and unnecessary to enlarge.

So here I shall conclude, presuming that This may suffice to give, in general, an accurate Idea of the Doctrine of Fluxions; which is all I aimed at. The Application to Physics and Mathematics is foreign to my Purpose, and not suited to a slender Skill and Experience in these Studies. I might perhaps with Justice enough add too, a Performance of that Kind is scarce wanted; for, what more elegant Examples and Solutions can we expect or desire than are extant in the Works of *our own Mathematicians*? My Business was only to pave the Way a little: but, *Est quadam prodire tenus.*

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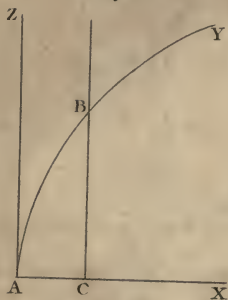


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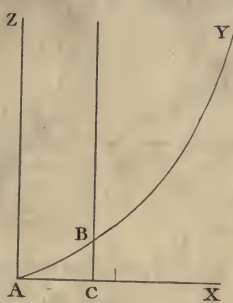


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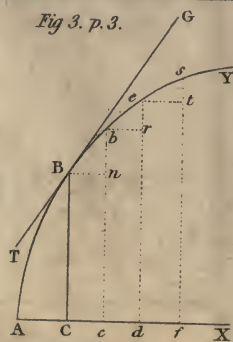


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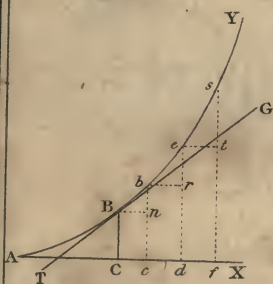


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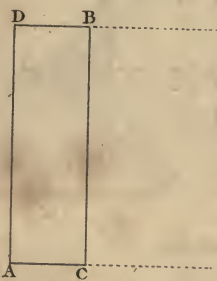


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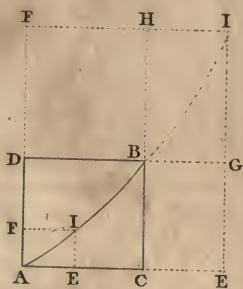


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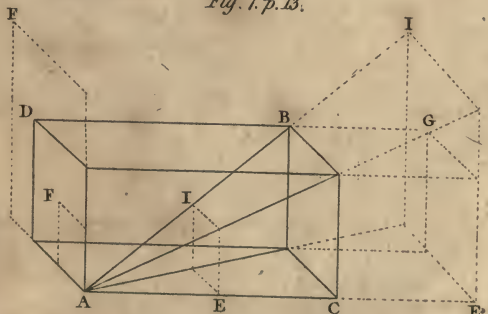
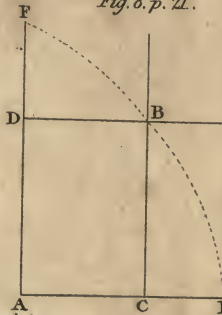
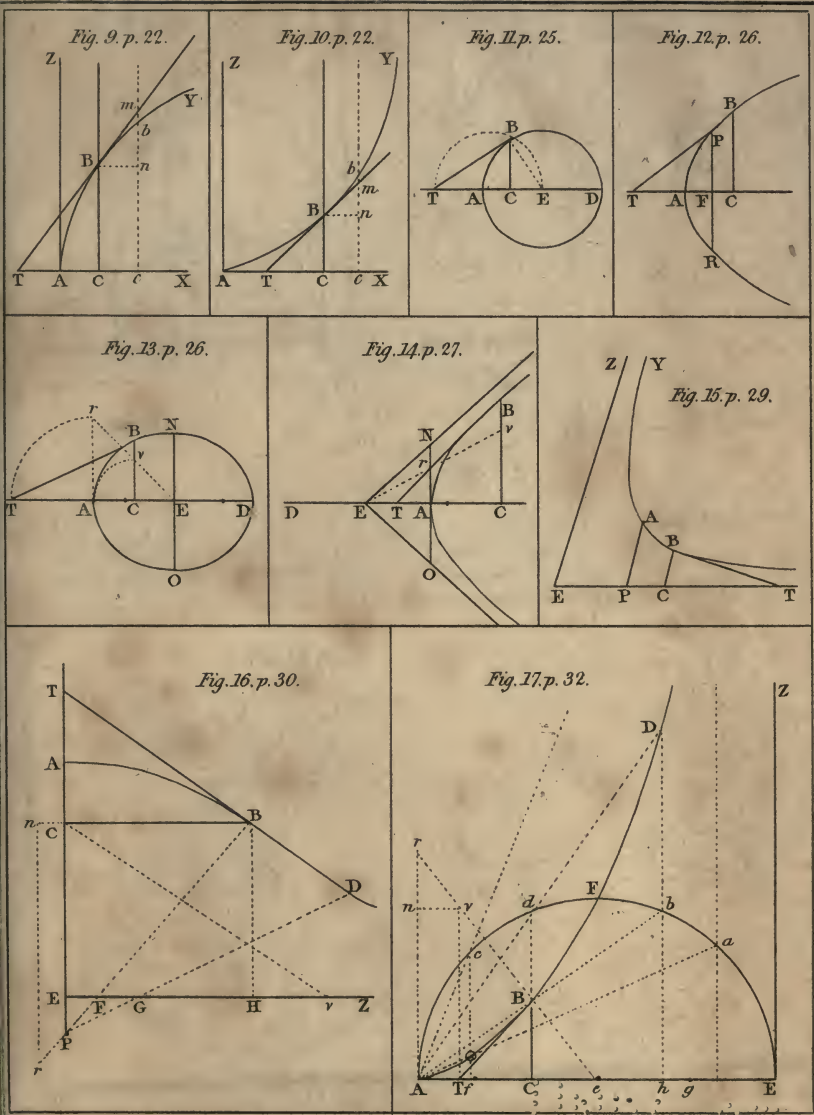


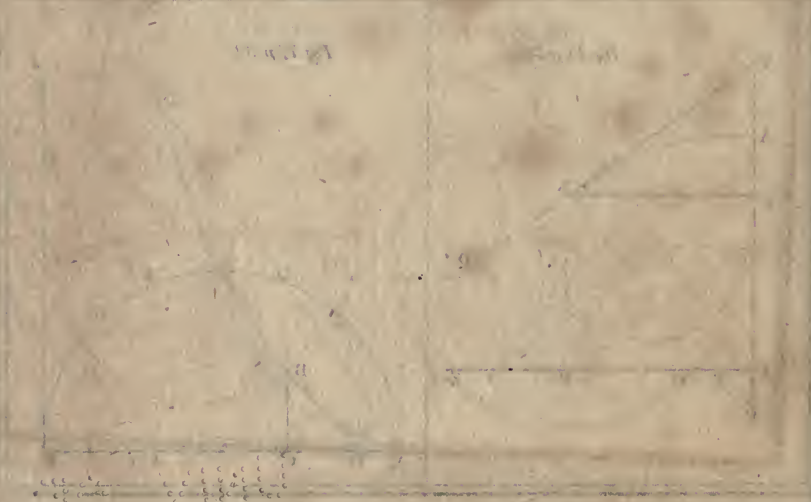
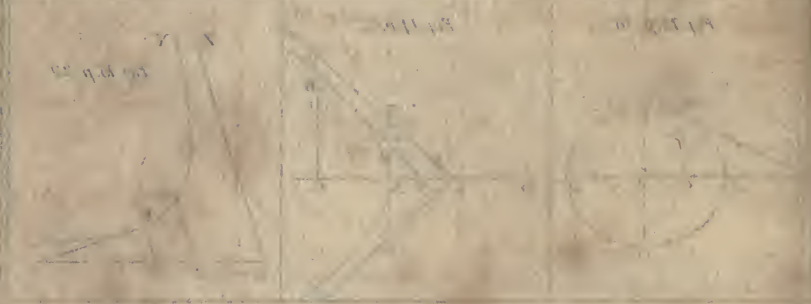
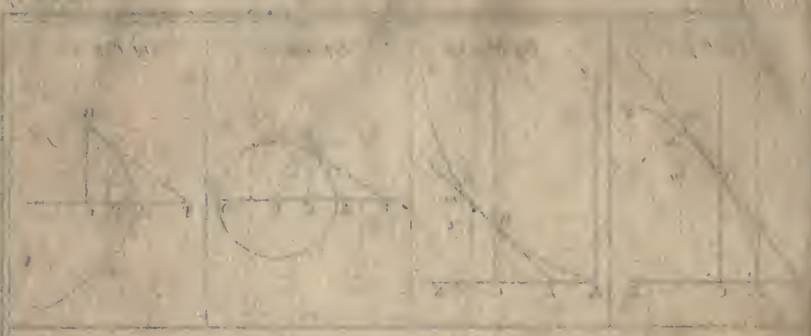
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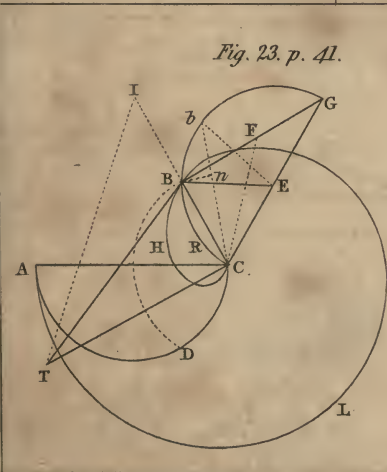
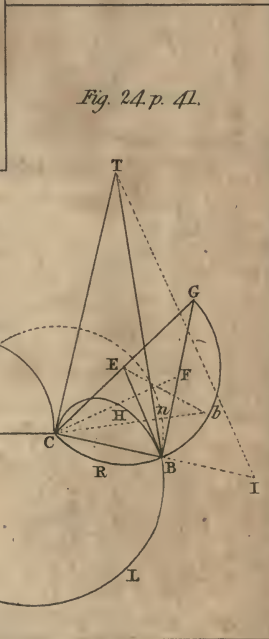
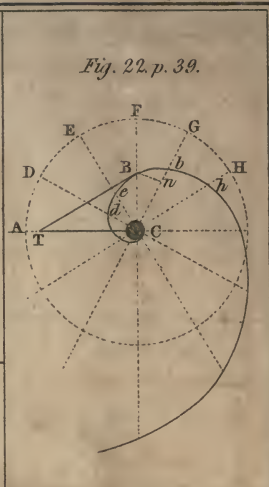
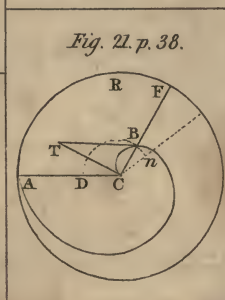
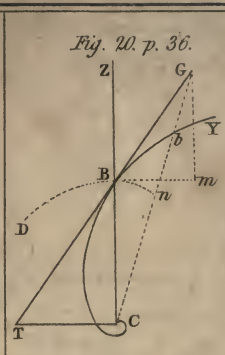
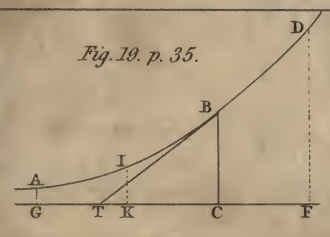
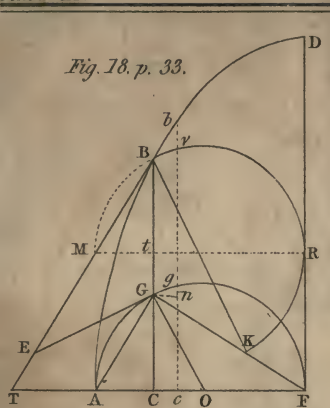








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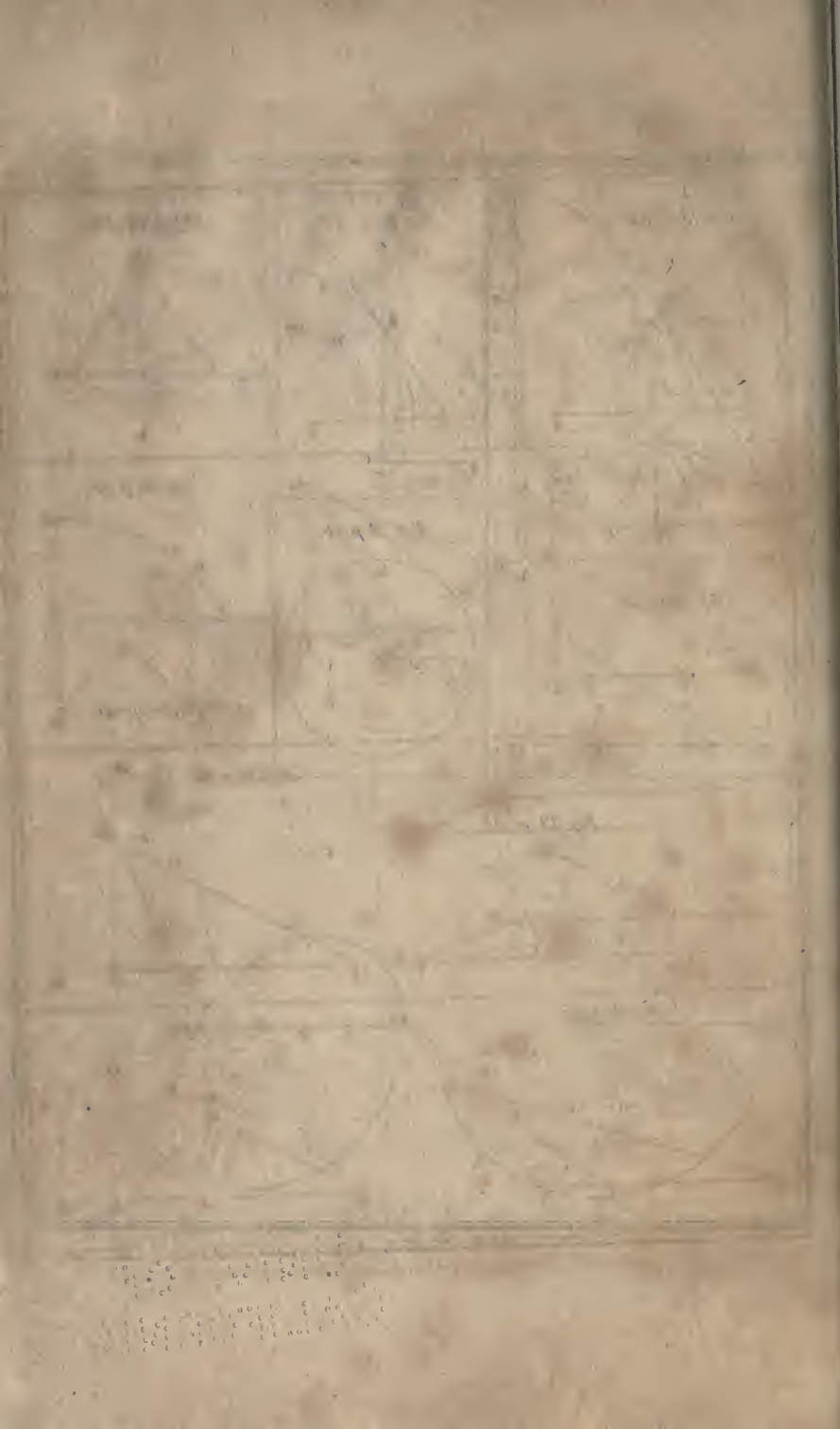




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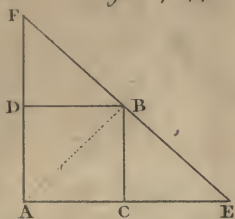


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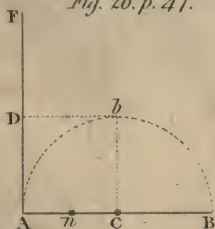


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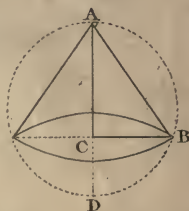


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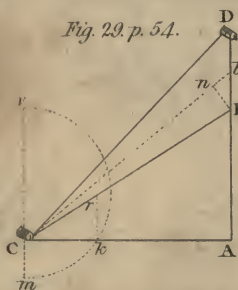


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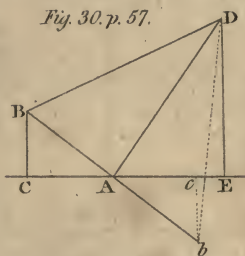


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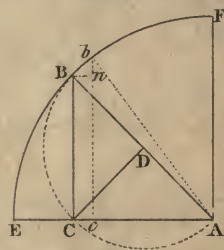


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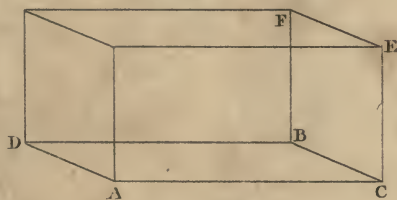


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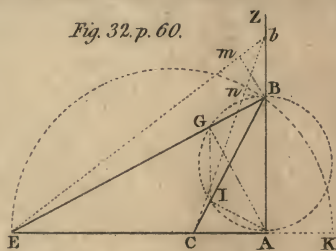


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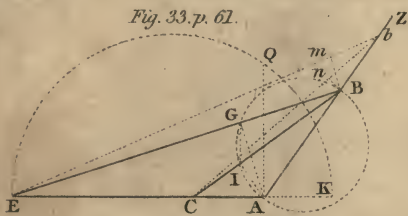


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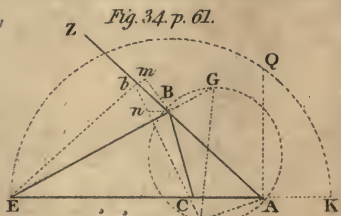










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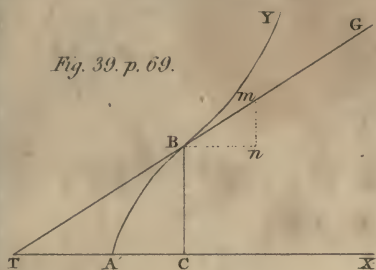


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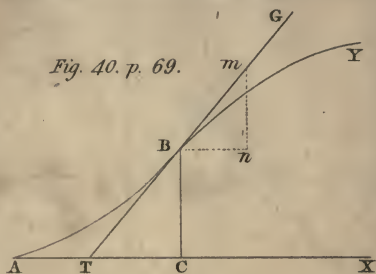


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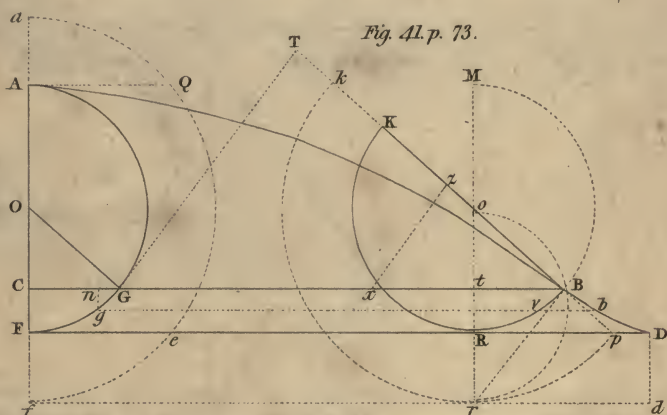


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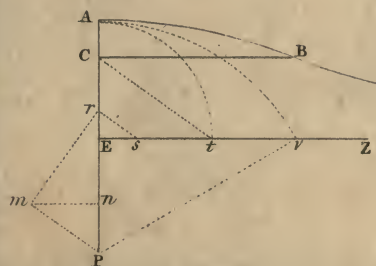


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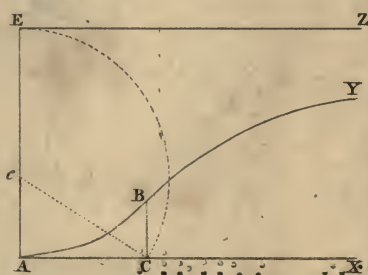




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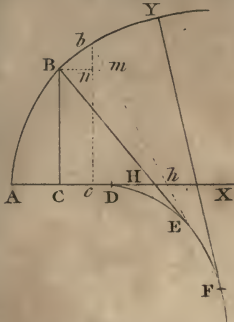


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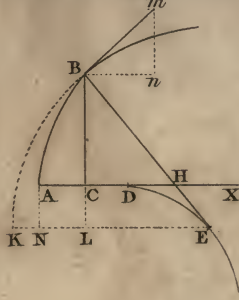


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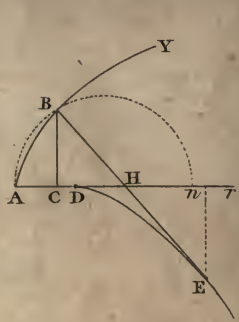


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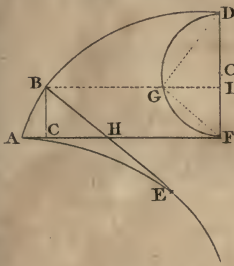


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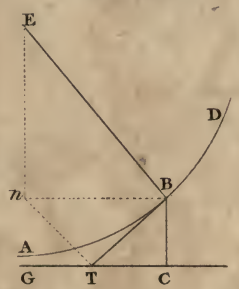


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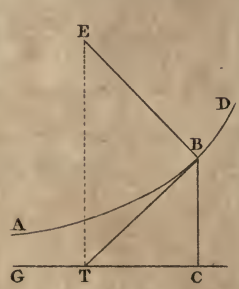


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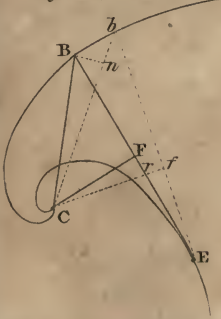


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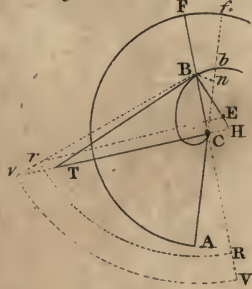
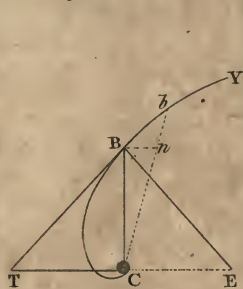
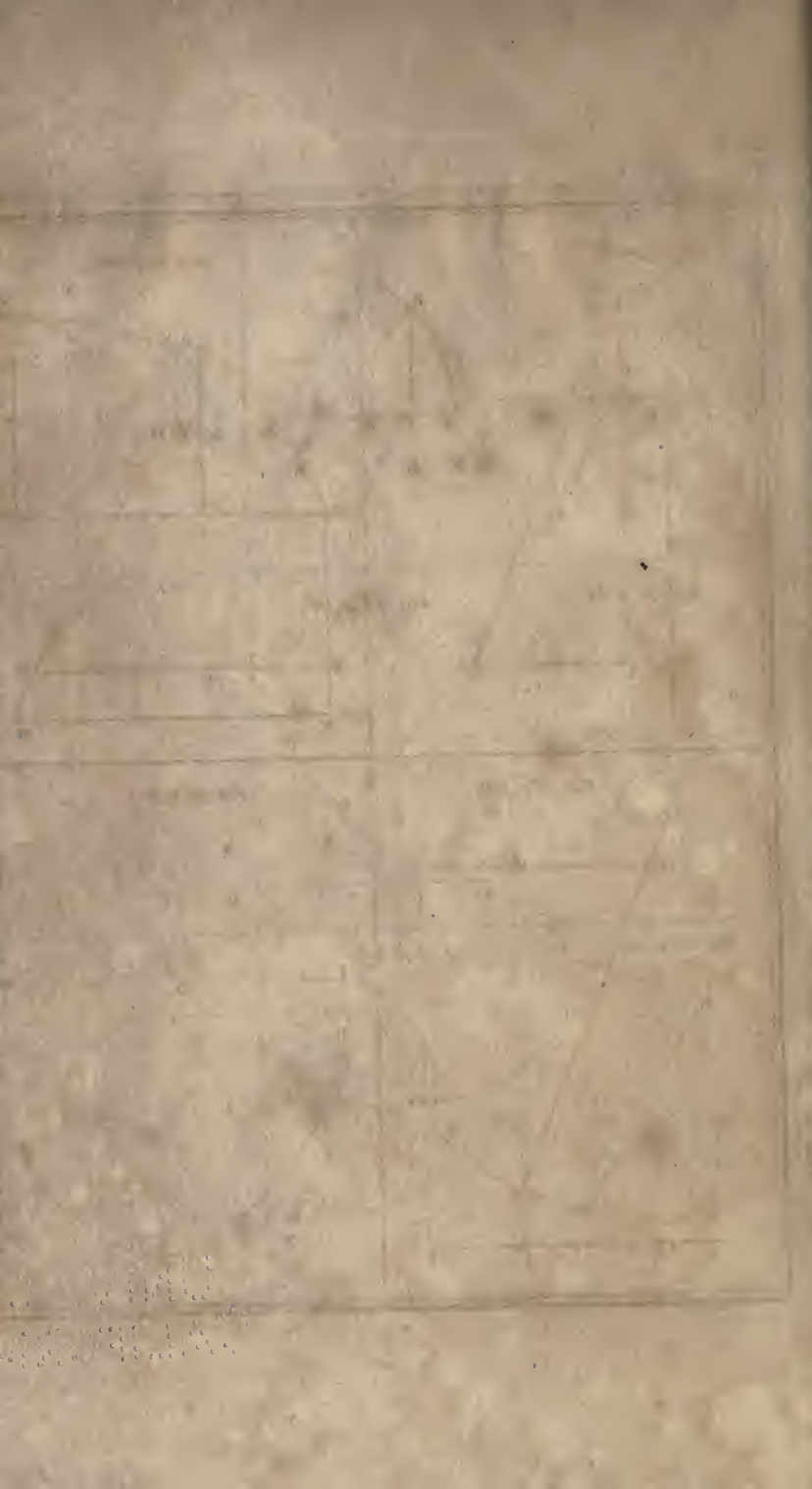


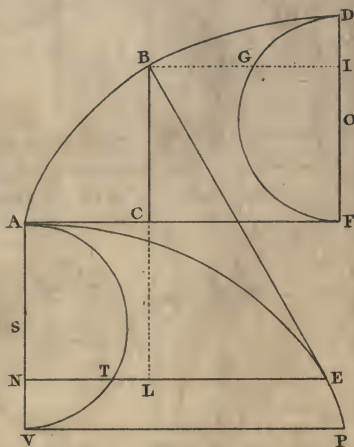
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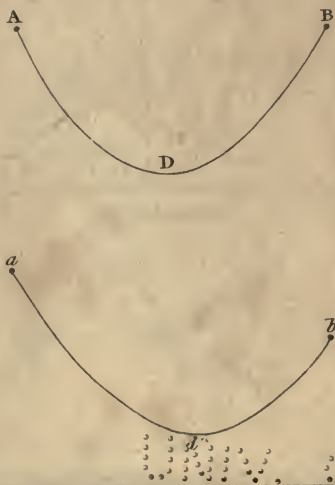




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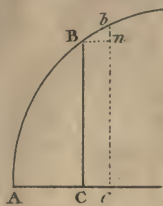


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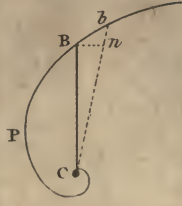


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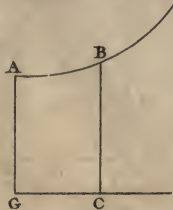


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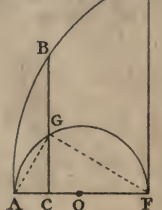


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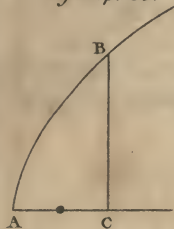


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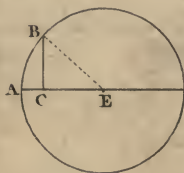


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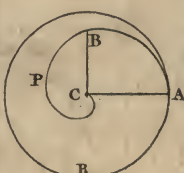


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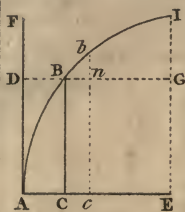


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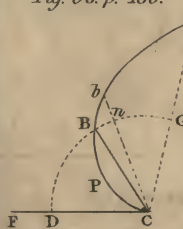


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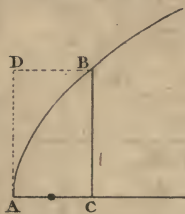


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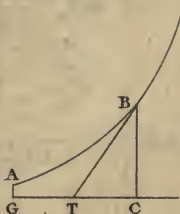


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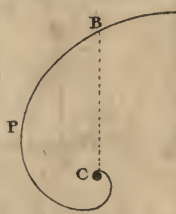


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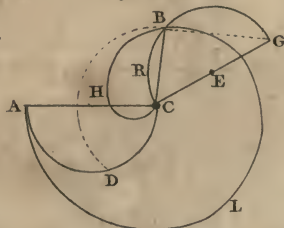
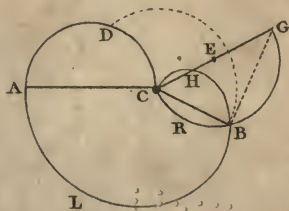


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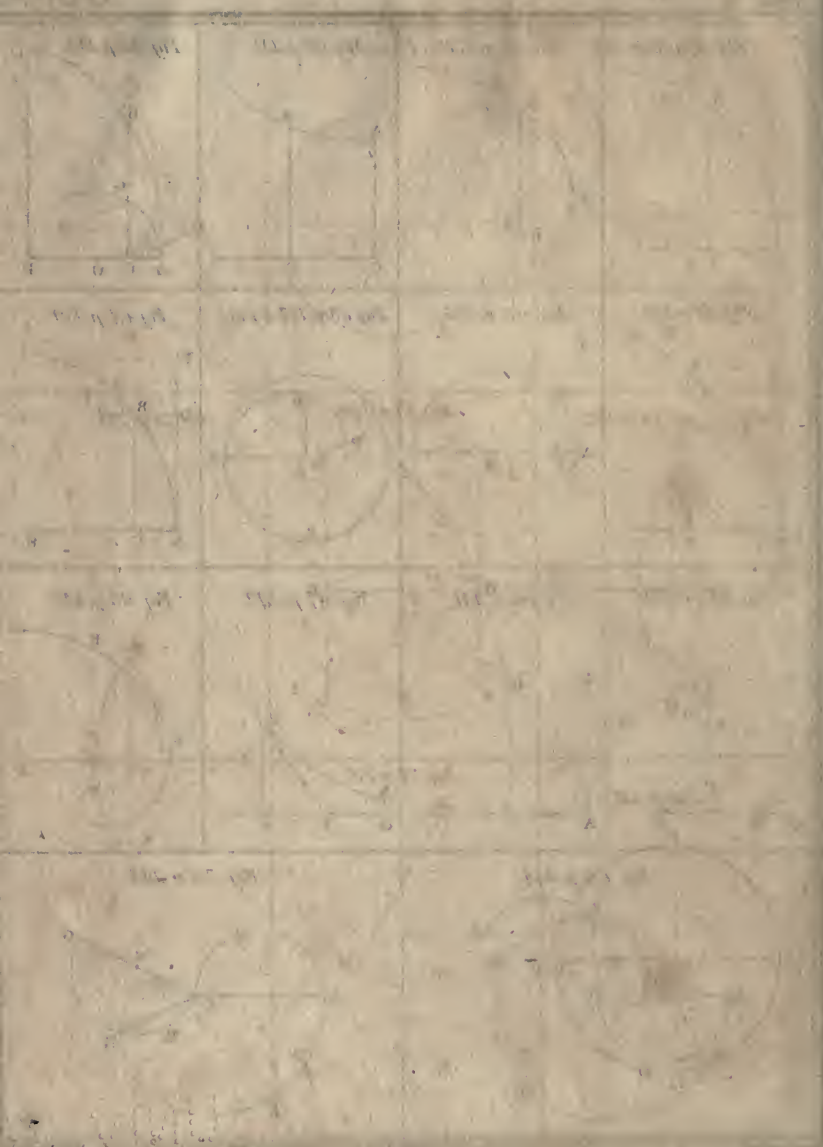




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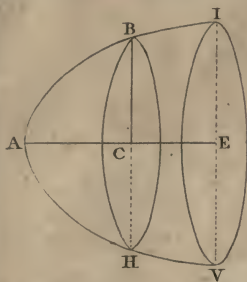


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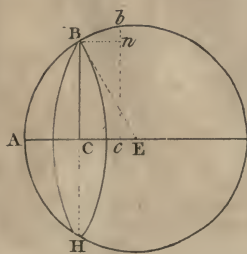


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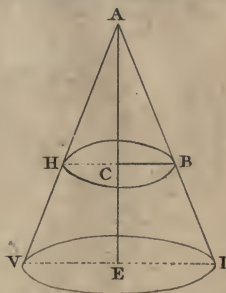


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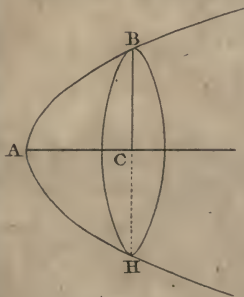


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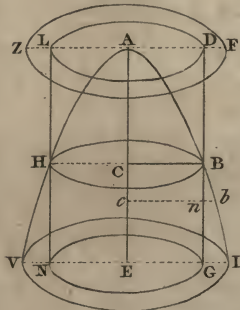


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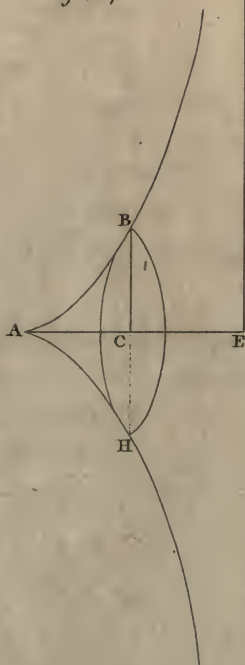


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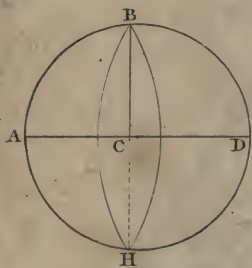
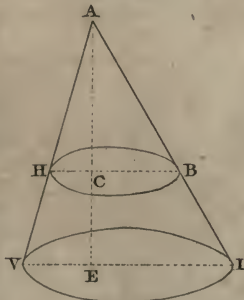


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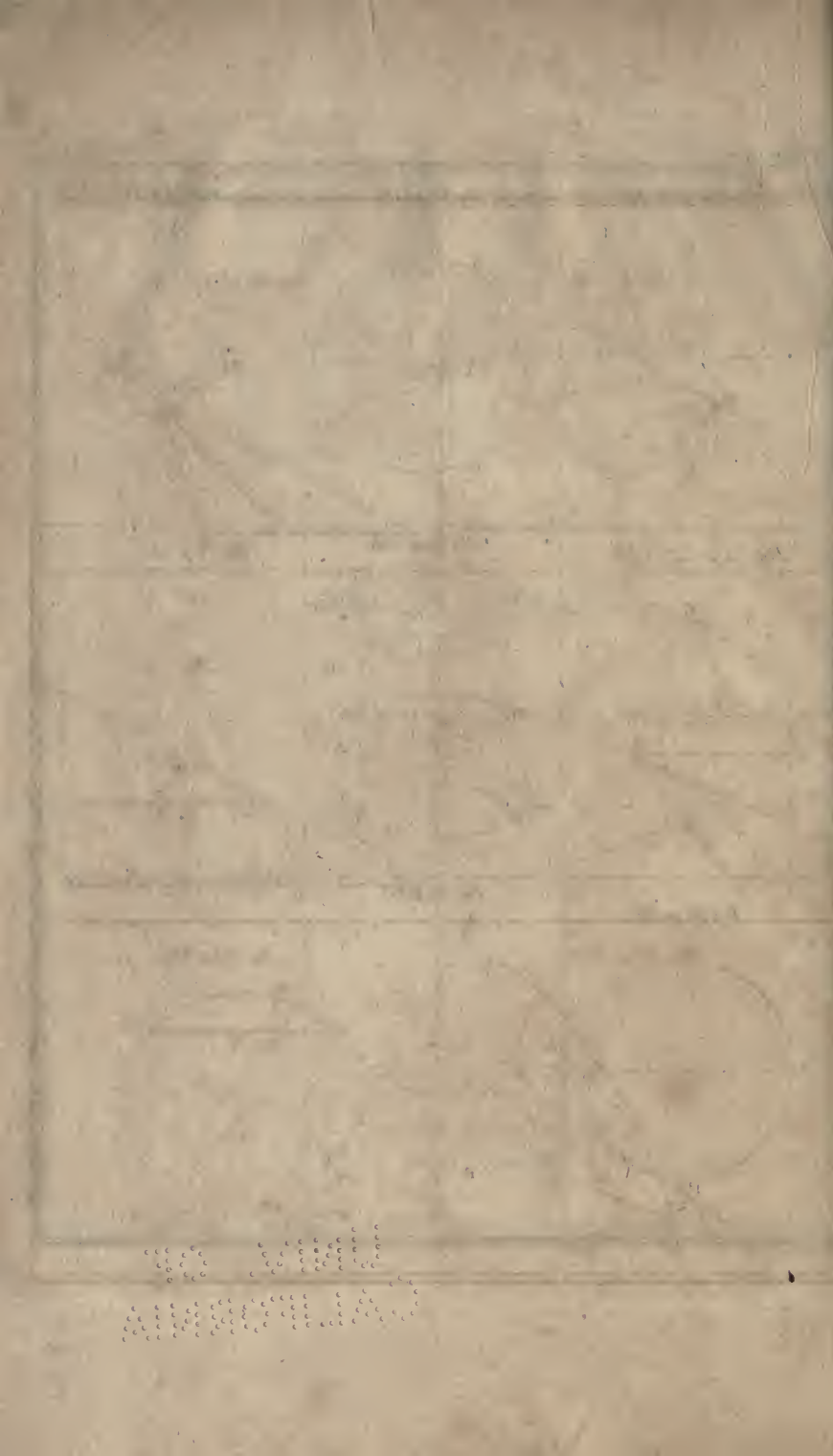


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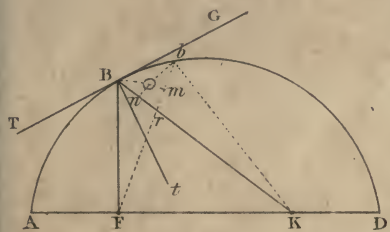


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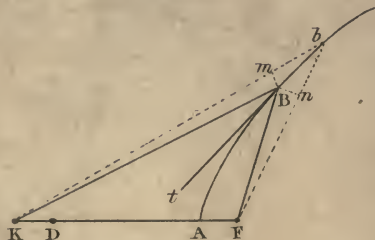


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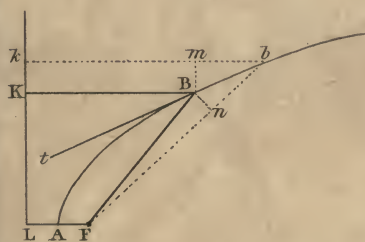


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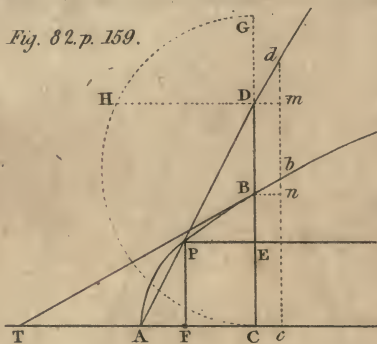


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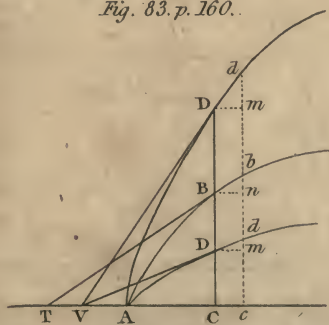
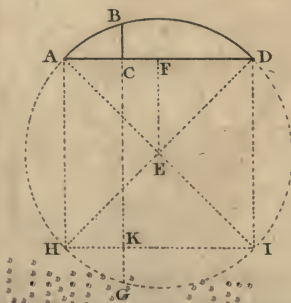


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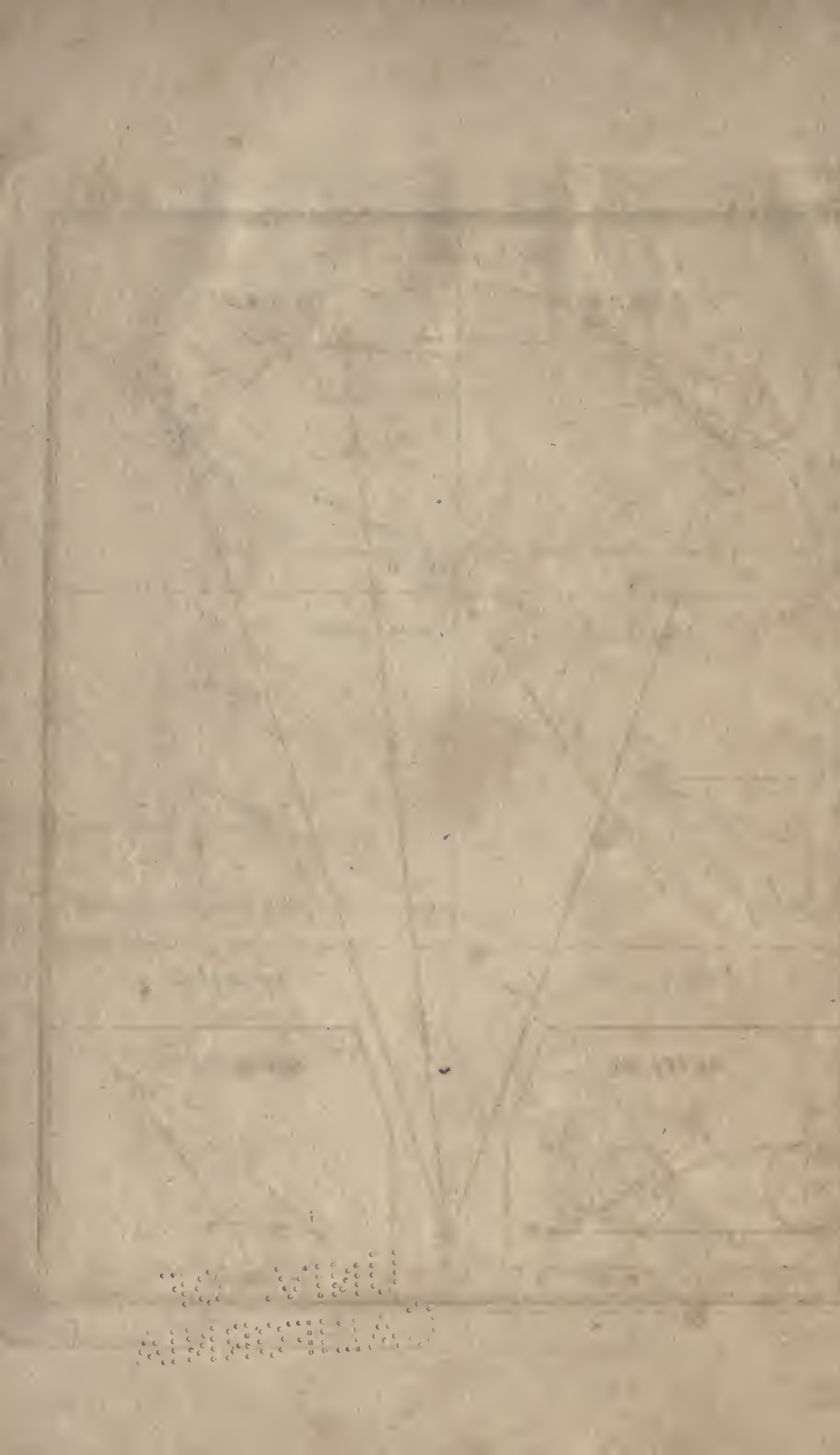




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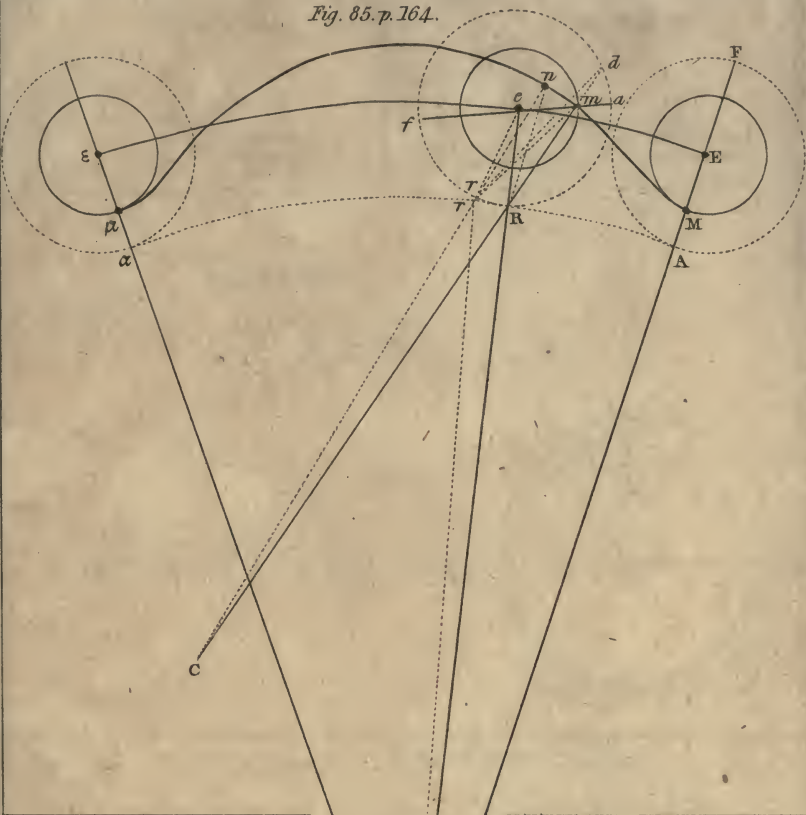


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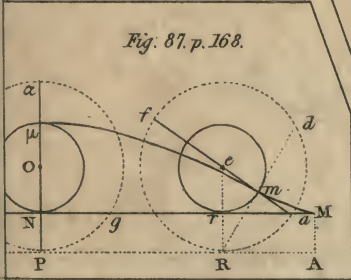
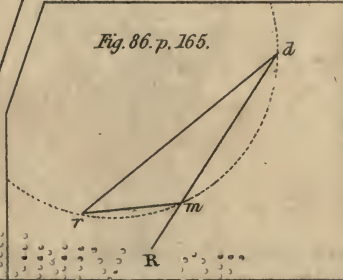
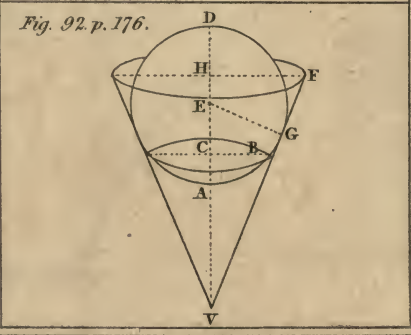
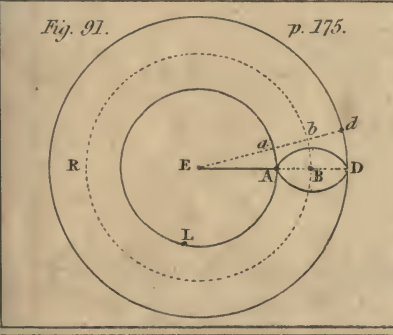
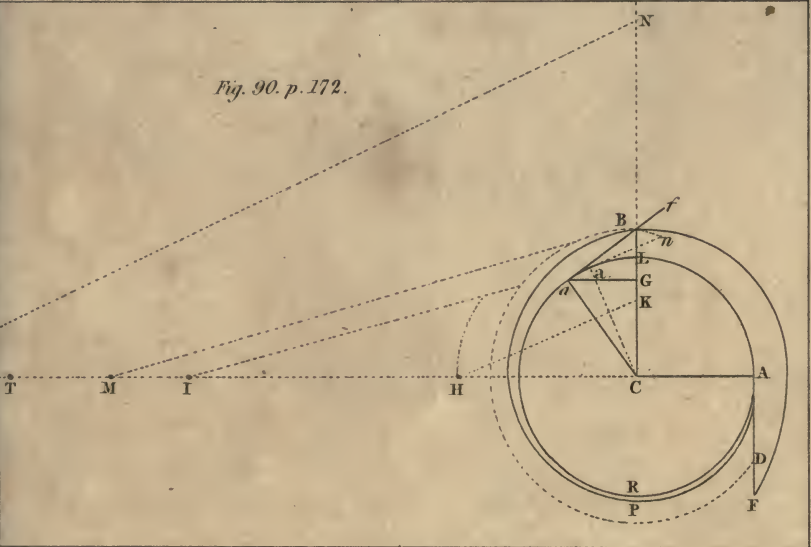
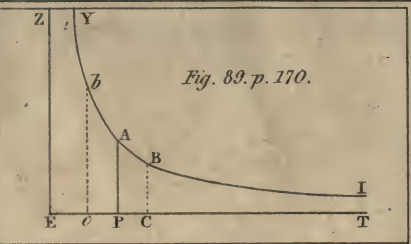
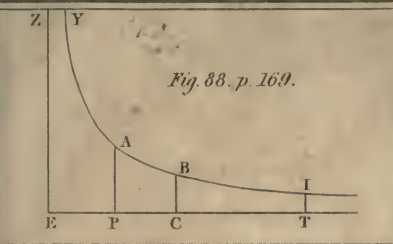


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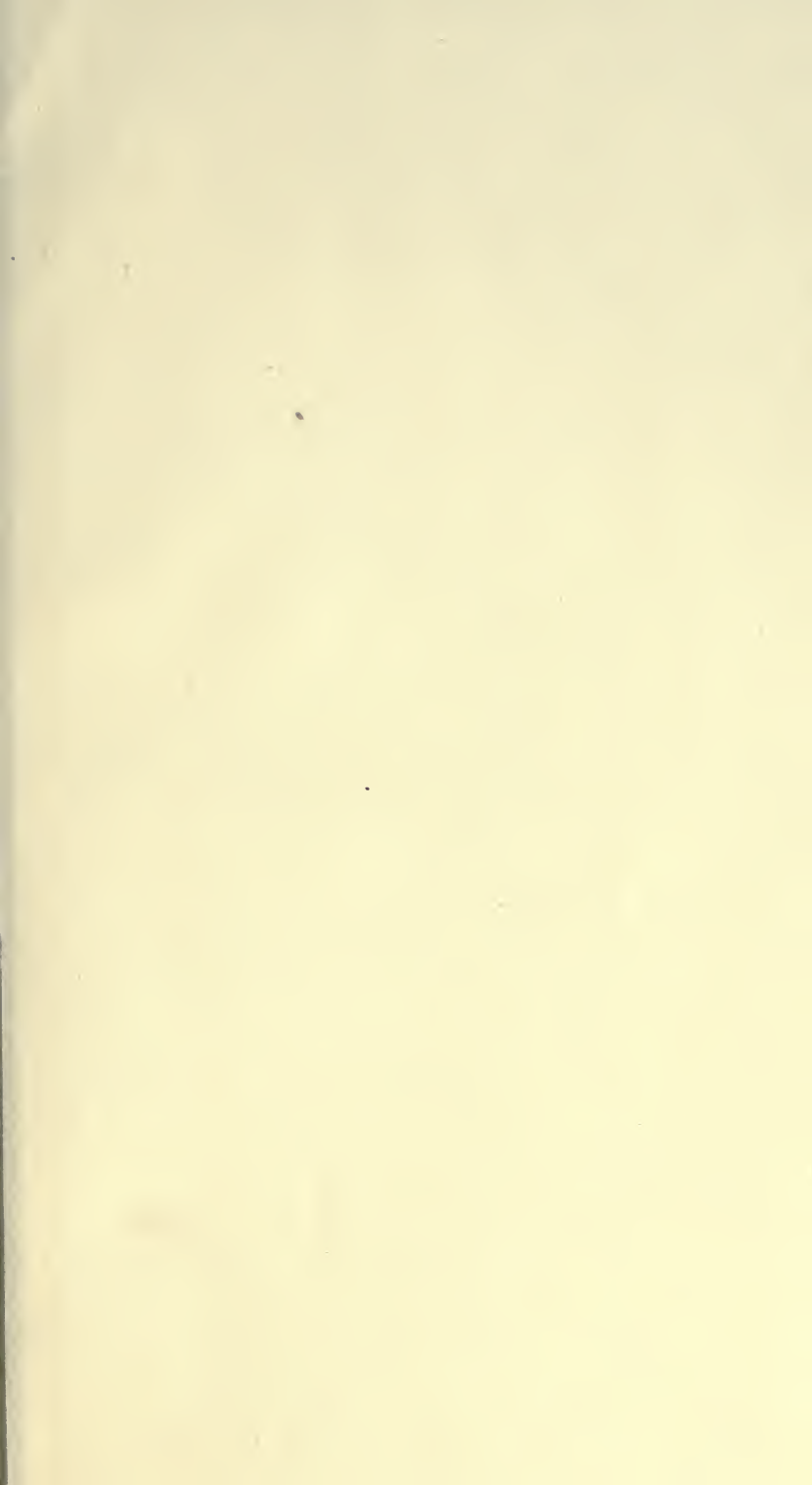












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